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ROOSEVELT DELAYS REPLY

Japanese Approach To U.S.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN N.T.

The bungalow belonging to Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee near the seafront at the 12-mile post on Castle Peak Road was badly damaged shortly after 12 noon yesterday when a mine which had drifted from its moorings dashed on the rocks and caused a terrific explosion.

Sea water was thrown several hundred feet into the air over the bungalow which is between 300 and 400 feet from the shore on the hillside, while dead fish and mine splinters were scattered over a wide area.

The bungalow is still standing but the foundation is believed to have been affected. Investigations are being carried out to-day.

The doors and all the window panes were blown in while furniture inside the house was damaged by the blast. The walls were also blackened and most of the plaster has disappeared.

Trees and bushes in the neighbourhood were singed and uprooted, but fortunately there were no casualties.

One or two servants employed in the bungalow had their hair singed, but except for shock, received when the explosion shook the premises, they suffered no other injury.

DRAGON SOCIETY'S VIEWS

Mr. Mitsuru Toyama, mystical leader of the "Black Dragon Society," who is reputed to wield considerable influence behind the scenes in political affairs, told the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" last evening:—

"The increase in funny people in this country recently is a national shame. I feel there will be less funny people from now on."

The grey-bearded celebrity said Japan must show her real strength now or never.

He added: "This is the happiest country. Japanese are happiest." (The Japanese word for happiest has no exact translation but signifies cynical bravado).

"If we can see this we can easily overcome the crisis," he added. —Reuter.

R.A.F. KEEPS UP FIGHTER OFFENSIVE

It is learned in London that 10 enemy fighters were destroyed by our fighters during a series of offensive operations yesterday.

Ten of our fighters are missing but the pilot of one is safe. —Reuter.

Papen And A Replica

It is understood that Franz von Papen, Nazi Ambassador in Ankara, has asked to see the President of Turkey to present him "with a replica of a Turkish museum piece made by a German."

It is thought in Ankara that the real reason von Papen asked to see the President was to endeavour to offset the impression created by the reception of the British Ambassador on Thursday.

It is regarded as singularly fortunate that von Papen happened to have the replica.

Von Papen is suffering from stones in the kidney and the Germans now admit he is leaving shortly for treatment and possibly an operation at Vienna. This has given rise to reports that a new Ambassador will be appointed, probably one of the younger Nazi Party members. —Reuter.

MENZIES TO REMAIN IN CABINET

The former Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies, remains in the Commonwealth Cabinet as Defence Minister.

Only change made in the existing Cabinet is the substitution of Mr. Fadden for Mr. Menzies as Premier.

Mr. Fadden retains his former post of Treasurer and Mr. Menzies retains that of Minister of Defence, which he held in his own Cabinet.

Mr. Fadden indicated yesterday, however, an extensive Cabinet reshuffle is possible after the Budget has been dealt with next month. —Reuter.

Pointer To Konoye Message

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, DECLINED TO COMMENT UPON HIS MEETING WITH ADMIRAL NOMURA, THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, WHO HANDED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE A PERSONAL COMMUNICATION FROM PRINCE KONOYE, THE JAPANESE PREMIER.

The President said it was not determined when he would see the Ambassador again or when he would answer Prince Konoye's message.

It was recalled that the second anniversary of the war was approaching, and the President reminded reporters that he is making a speech on Monday.

Newspapermen consider this sufficient intimation that President Roosevelt might review the war situation then.

Meanwhile first indication regarding the nature of Prince Konoye's message to President Roosevelt was given by the official Japanese news agency yesterday.

The agency says the message transmitted Japan's "basic convictions" regarding outstanding issues affecting the situation in the Pacific Ocean.

Result Of War With Russia

The agency report does not go into details but well-informed quarters in Tokyo are of opinion that Japan aims for the disposal of the China affair and the establishment of a Greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere, with the ultimate object of permanent peace in the Pacific.

IT IS SAID PRINCE KONOYE'S MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED AS A RESULT OF THE GERMAN-SOVIET WAR.

Some Hope

The audience of the Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, with the Emperor after the emergency Cabinet meeting in Tokyo yesterday, is taken as further indication that either replies have been received from Russia and the United States or that President Roosevelt has already indicated his attitude about Prince Konoye's message.

Although the presence of key Cabinet members is viewed pessimistically, some hope is held out in view of unpublished reports that Japanese-American negotiations in future will be between Admiral Nomura and President Roosevelt rather than the State Department.

HISTORY OF A PATRIOT

Paul Colette, the young man who shot at Laval and Deat at Versailles, was in the Battle of Dunkirk, according to the Police Department in Vichy yesterday.

He was in the French destroyer "Niger" which was sunk during the withdrawal operations and was picked up and taken to England.

He did not stay in England long but returned to France and was at Caen at the time of the German advance in June.

He tried to get back to England again but did not succeed so he returned to Caen, where he remained some time before entering unoccupied France.

After the Armistice he got a job as a seaman.

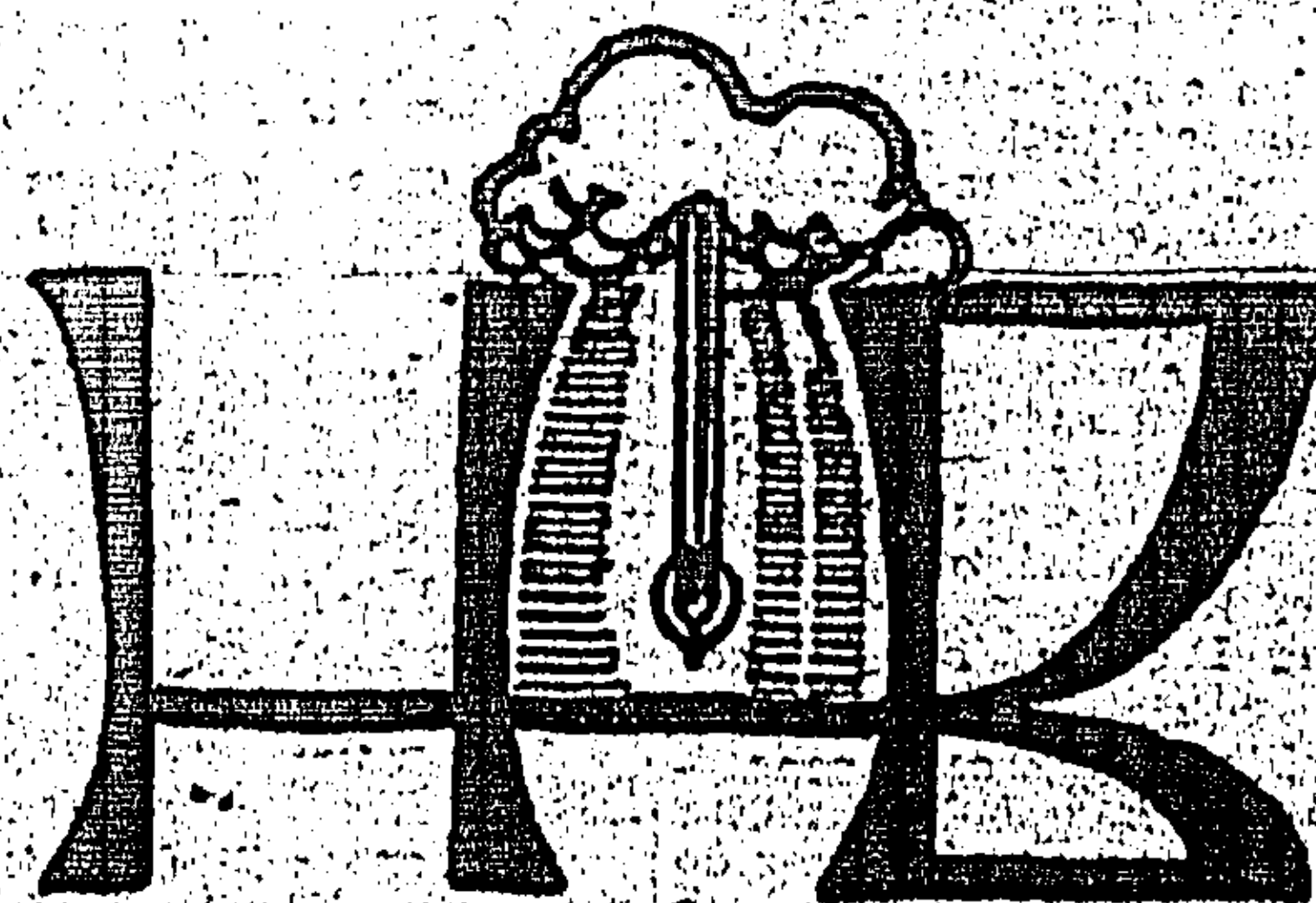
From the age of 15 he is said to have been interested in politics and to have belonged to the extreme Right. —Reuter.

N.E.I. Trade With Japan

In connection with the restricted trade between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies, a "General import organisation for the Netherlands East Indies" has been formed to provide the quickest and cheapest way of handling imports from Japan.

For certain goods the organisation will act as a central purchasing committee. —Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B. —



— AND THEN TRY! —

GERMANY ENTERING A RACE AGAINST TIME

Hitler Throws All Forces Into The Struggle

THE GERMANS MADE IMPRESSIVE CLAIMS YESTERDAY IN THEIR WAR AGAINST RUSSIA AND THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE WAS COMPLETELY NON-COMMITTAL, WRITES "ANNALIST" IN LONDON COMMENTING ON THE RUSSIAN-GERMAN MILITARY SITUATION.

If Tallinn has been captured as seems possible, it represents a considerable if total loss to the Russians. The town had already been cut off and there was little hope of relieving it but its fall will release a number of the German troops required for investment and should make the position of Hangoe, on the other side of the Gulf, somewhat precarious.

But more serious is the German claim to have cut the railway between Moscow and Leningrad which is now being closely beset on three sides and threatened in the east.

It is obvious that the Germans here have entered into a race against time and are flinging very considerable forces into the battle in the hope of securing a decisive victory before winter.

Test Ahead

The fortifications of Leningrad and Kronstadt cover a tremendous area and are very strong but whether they will prove another Verdun against modern Stukas and other up-to-date methods of warfare remains to be seen.

The success of the Russian defence has been chiefly in its resilience rather than its immutability.

In the central sector the situation is very confused and the Germans admit Russian counter-attacks but claim these were ineffective. The Russians make no claims.

Dnieper Check

IN THE SOUTH THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN HELD UP BY THE BROAD WATERS OF THE DNEIPER.

The destruction of the great Dam at Zaporozhe will, it is believed, make the current so fierce in the lower reaches that the use of pontoons will be more or less ruled out for a period of three weeks at least.

Red Counter-Attacks

Russian counter-attacks along the Dnieper are the main subject of an Hungarian communique which reports the sending of a large number of Russian troops to the Dnieper area "where they counter-attack oblivious of all sacrifices."

Their efforts to break through were disastrous and they failed to hinder the allied advance. A number of Russian guns mounted along the Dnieper have been silenced.

"The allied air force in repeated raids demonstrated superior strength. Hungarian air losses do not exceed the average as hitherto recorded."

Red Communique

The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:—

"During August 29 our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the whole front."

"According to latest data now available, over 500 German planes

have been destroyed by our aircraft in air combats and on enemy aerodromes between August 21 and 27. During the same period we lost 262."—Reuter.

DUNKIRK WAR ARTIST IS DEAD

Mr. Reginald Grenville Eves, R.A., an official war artist, who went to France with the B.E.F. in 1940, died at Middleton-in-Teesdale (County Durham) the other day, aged 65.

Ten years ago, Mr. Eves figured in one of the greatest sensations in the history of the Royal Academy. Three of his pictures which were hung were found to be photographs painted over. They were subsequently withdrawn and returned to him.

Two years later he was elected and associate, and in 1939 elected an Academician.

Mr. Eves was a protégé of Sergeant and a fellow student of Orpen and Augustus John. He was a member of the Royal Society of Portrait and Royal Institute of Oil Painters.

He has painted portraits of many prominent persons in the Services, Literature, Law, and Politics. One of his greatest successes was a portrait of Thomas Hardy.

BARE-LEG BAN OFF

The ban on stockingless girls in Leicester hosiery factories — imposed when the no-stockings craze threatened the prosperity of the industry — has been lifted.

"Women will find it difficult now to avoid stockingless days," a leading manufacturer stated, "and the ban would be wrong."

"What used to be a craze has become a necessity."

"A request to the Government for one-coupon stockings is under consideration."

Experts estimate that British women bought a yearly average of twenty-one pairs (forty-two coupons) before the sheer silk stockings boom, which nearly doubled the average.

MARRIED—JUST!—ON 13TH

A chain of mishaps made Corporal Robert Alexander Doig, of the Scots Guards, eighty-five minutes late for his wedding — yet he and his bride walked under a ladder after the ceremony "just to show Friday the 13th that we are not superstitious"

Bridegroom and bride — Miss Joan Sybil Bloomfield, a nurse in Hammersmith Hospital — spent the morning together buying the ring.

But before he could be married, Corporal Doig, who had been on manoeuvres in Southern England, had to report to his unit.

The wedding was timed for 1.45, and Corporal Doig went to catch a train from Victoria about eleven. He missed it by a minute or two.

After reporting, he lost the first train back to London, and when he got to London he missed the bus.

Finally he arrived at St. Andrew's Church, Primula Street, Westway, Shepherd's Bush, at 3.10, after a dash across London in a taxi—with every traffic light showing red as he reached it.

Quarrelled — Made Up

Now Corporal and Mrs. Doig are — unless they missed the train — well on their way to Dunkeld (Perthshire) for their honeymoon.

Corporal Doig met Miss Bloomfield in 1937. They fell in love, quarrelled, parted, and then made it up on his return from Norway.

Mrs. Doig comes from Jersey, Channel Islands, where her parents had a farm. They are now safe in England after losing their home home through the German occupation.

RATION BARS MOURNING

Unable to go into mourning because they have too few clothes coupons, relatives of miners killed in the Whitehaven pit explosion have been told that working clothes must come first.

"We sympathise with bereaved people," a Board of Trade official told the "Daily Mirror."

"But material is needed for working clothes, and they must come first."

"After all, mourning is worn only for a short period. I am sure people will not expect a relaxation in rationing when they know the material is needed elsewhere."

Members of the Women's Motor Transport Corps, the W.V.S. and the Y.M.C.A. are to get rationed uniform and footwear without coupons until further arrangements are made.

They must sign a statement on the back of the traders' bill that the articles represent their essential personal uniform requirements.

In the case of non-commissioned officers and drivers of the M.T.C. the statement must be countersigned by their commanding officer.

Officers of the Y.M.C.A. can get uniforms only with the signed authority of National Women's Auxiliary headquarters.



HE HAD JUST SHOT DOWN A GERMAN. — Whilst on patrol a Pilot Officer encountered a German aircraft and, after a sharp fight, succeeded in shooting it down into the sea. Photo shows the Pilot Officer getting out of his plane on arrival back at his Station after shooting down a Nazi aircraft.

BUDENNY FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ON BANK OF DNEIPER

(By Reuter's Correspondent in Moscow)

THE SOVIET ADMISSION that Dniepro-Petrovsk has been abandoned to the Germans has hardened the bitterness in Moscow against the enemy, as the town stood for so much of what Russia has achieved in industrial progress.

To millions of Russians the blown-up factories and ruined Dniepro-Petrovsk Dam — source of their power — meant to Russians a chance of increased material comfort for future years when the war danger would be removed and the country would be able to adopt a peace-time economy.

Dniepro-Petrovsk has not been given up without a struggle, and the end of the battle for the right bank of the Dnieper elbow needs to be regarded in the light of the whole action in southern Ukraine.

It is now about a fortnight since the news came of the fall of Kirovograd and, soon afterwards, the fall of Krivorog.

It took the Germans the same period, namely a fortnight, to wrest from the Soviet troops a strip of territory about 90 miles broad in the corridor of the Dnieper.

claims of a fortnight ago that the main body of Marshal Budenny's forces in Southern Ukraine were either surrounded or broken up and no longer capable of fighting as organised units.

It is clear that a large proportion of them had ample time to withdraw across the Dnieper and establish themselves firmly on the left bank. — Reuter.

M. P. KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS

Mr. D. Frankel, Labour M.P. for Mile End, was taken unconscious to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and detained, after striking his head in a fall on stairs.

German Claims

Disproved

This time factor in itself disproves the extravagant German

AXIS LEADERS MEET

Mussolini Pays Visit To Russian Front

MILITARY CHIEFS CONFER

NEWS OF A MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND MUSSOLINI WAS GIVEN BY THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY LAST EVENING IN THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FUHRER'S HEADQUARTERS:—

"The Fuehrer and Duce had a meeting at the Fuehrer's headquarters in the period from August 25 to August 29.

"In the conversations which took place at the Fuehrer's headquarters for the northern and southern fronts all military and political questions bearing on the development and duration of the war were thoroughly discussed.

"The questions were examined in the spirit of close comradeship and common destiny which marks relations between the two Axis powers.

"The talks were permeated by the unalterable will of the two peoples and their leaders to continue the war to a victorious end."

That New Order

The announcement added that the new European order, which would result "from this victory" would remove as far as possible the causes which in the past had given rise to European wars.

Hitler and Mussolini, who were accompanied by their army and political chiefs, visited important points on the eastern front and inspected one of the Italian positions "engaged in fighting against Bolshevism."

Fervid Days!

When they visited the southern front they were welcomed by General von Reimstedt, says the announcement, which says that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, was "prevented by sickness" from accompanying the Duce.

Rome radio stated last night: "On his return to Italy, the Duce sent the following telegram to the Fuehrer: 'The fervid days passed together will remain an indelible souvenir in my memory.'"

Conferred Alone

Benito Mussolini personally piloted Hitler's plane on the return journey from the visit to the northern sector of the Russian front, according to a description of the Hitler-Mussolini meeting by the special correspondent of the official Italian News Agency in Rome yesterday.

The visit to the front followed talks during the first part of which the leaders conferred alone. Towards the end, their military and diplomatic advisers were brought in.—Reuter.

MORE EAGLETS LEAVE THE NEST

FURTHER PARTIES OF YOUNG AMERICAN PILOTS HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN BRITAIN TO FORM SISTER SQUADRONS OF THE ORIGINAL EAGLE SQUADRON.

Since the first Eagle Fighter Squadron of the Royal Air Force was formed last Autumn numbers of young Americans have volunteered to fly and fight with the R.A.F. Among the last batch to arrive were U.S. citizens from Ohio, California, Maryland, Texas, Colorado and one from Canada.

Before crossing the Atlantic they undergo their initial flying training and pass their flying tests as pilots. Immediately after their gazettement on arrival here, they are able to wear the proud badge of pilots of the R.A.F.

CHINESE MINISTER TO CANADA

Marking another step forward in the cementing of closer diplomatic relations between China and British Dominions, Chungking announces the mutual decision of the two Governments for an exchange of Ministers between China and Canada.

A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry said that relations between the two countries have always been friendly, and the exchange of Ministers will not only further enhance these friendly ties but also forge a stronger link in the anti-aggression bloc in the Pacific.

Following so closely on the announcements of the first Chinese Minister to Australia and the first Australian Minister to China, the latest diplomatic move between China and Canada is widely hailed in Chungking as a sign of ever-increasing friendship and cooperation between China and the British Empire.—Central News.

MR. HARRIMAN TO GO TO MOSCOW

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday disclosed that he intends to appoint Mr. Averell Harriman to head the American delegation which is going to Moscow to consider problems of aid to Russia in accordance with the decision reached during the recent conference with Mr. Winston Churchill.

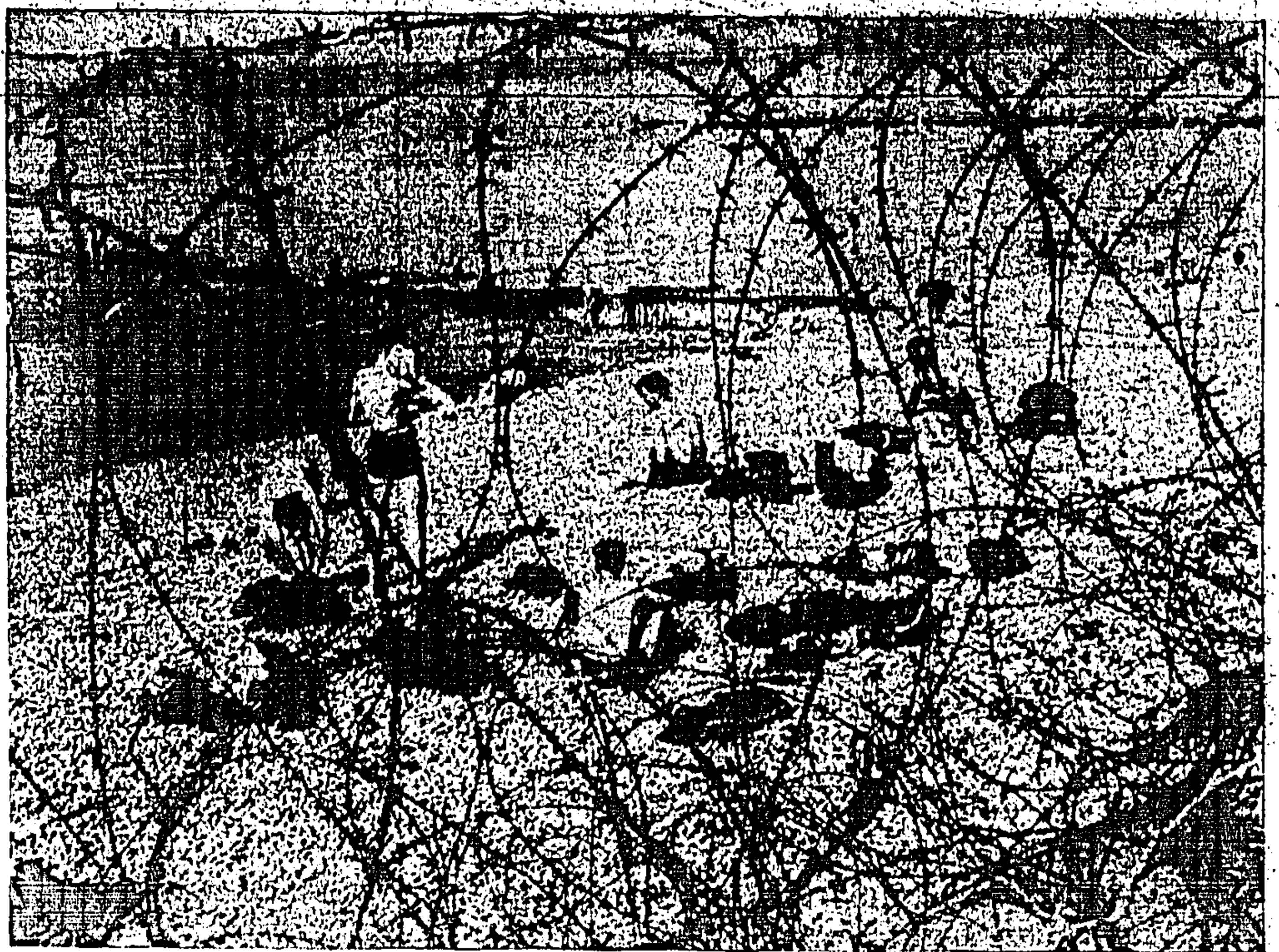
The President added that the Delegation will probably contain six members and the other names are likely to be announced in a few days.

Regarding Mr. Harriman, who has been described as the American Lend and Lease "Expediter" to Britain, President Roosevelt said that Mr. Harriman was sent to London chiefly to handle shipping problems in getting aid to nations resisting aggression.

The problem had now been enlarged to include production and supplies of all kinds and he felt the need for another "trouble shooter."

London Position

President Roosevelt added that Mr. John D. Biggers, now Director of Production, will take over Mr. Harriman's duties in London. The position in London, he said, was so important that it ought to be filled at all times.



SEASIDE BATHING AGAIN:— At various points on the English coast the public are able to enjoy the delights of a day at the seaside as they did in happier pre-war days. Photo shows a view through a barbed wire fence of people enjoying a day by the seaside.

ITALIAN CONVOYS STRAFED BY RAF IN MEDITERRANEAN

A ROYAL AIR FORCE communique issued in Cairo yesterday states:—

"Libya: Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. carried out an attack on the harbour of Benghazi during Wednesday night. A number of fires were started at the base of the outer Mole.

Bombers of the South African Air Force heavily attacked enemy dumps and a large number of bombs were seen to fall on the targets.

Our aircraft also attacked enemy barrack blocks near Homs, completely demolishing one building.

Our fighters carried out a large number of defensive patrols throughout Thursday.

"Mediterranean: During Wednesday night aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm attacked a convoy of four merchant vessels escorted by four destroyers.

Right Through The Decks

One ship was hit by bombs and after a number of explosions had occurred on board, the vessel was seen to be on fire.

Medium bombers of the R.A.F. attacked two enemy vessels in the Central Mediterranean on Thursday and obtained hits on each. One, which was emitting brown smoke from its hold, stopped and was seen to be down by the stern.

Bombs went right through the decks of the other vessel.

"Iran: Up to the cessation of hostilities in Iran full air support was given by the R.A.F. to the successful operations carried out by our land forces. From all the foregoing operations our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

NOW IT'S HIS AUTOGRAPH

Autograph collector Frederick George Gurr, 54, Inverness Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, has been asked for his own autograph.

Leader of the Post Office unofficial salvage corps, he has helped to save £200,000 worth of stock from damaged post offices as well as letters from wrecked pillar boxes.

The King has awarded him the British Empire Medal and the Postmaster General has written of his "courage and resource."

His collection of signatures includes those of the King and Queen, Winston Churchill, Bernard Shaw, Charlie Chaplin, Epstein and Gandhi.



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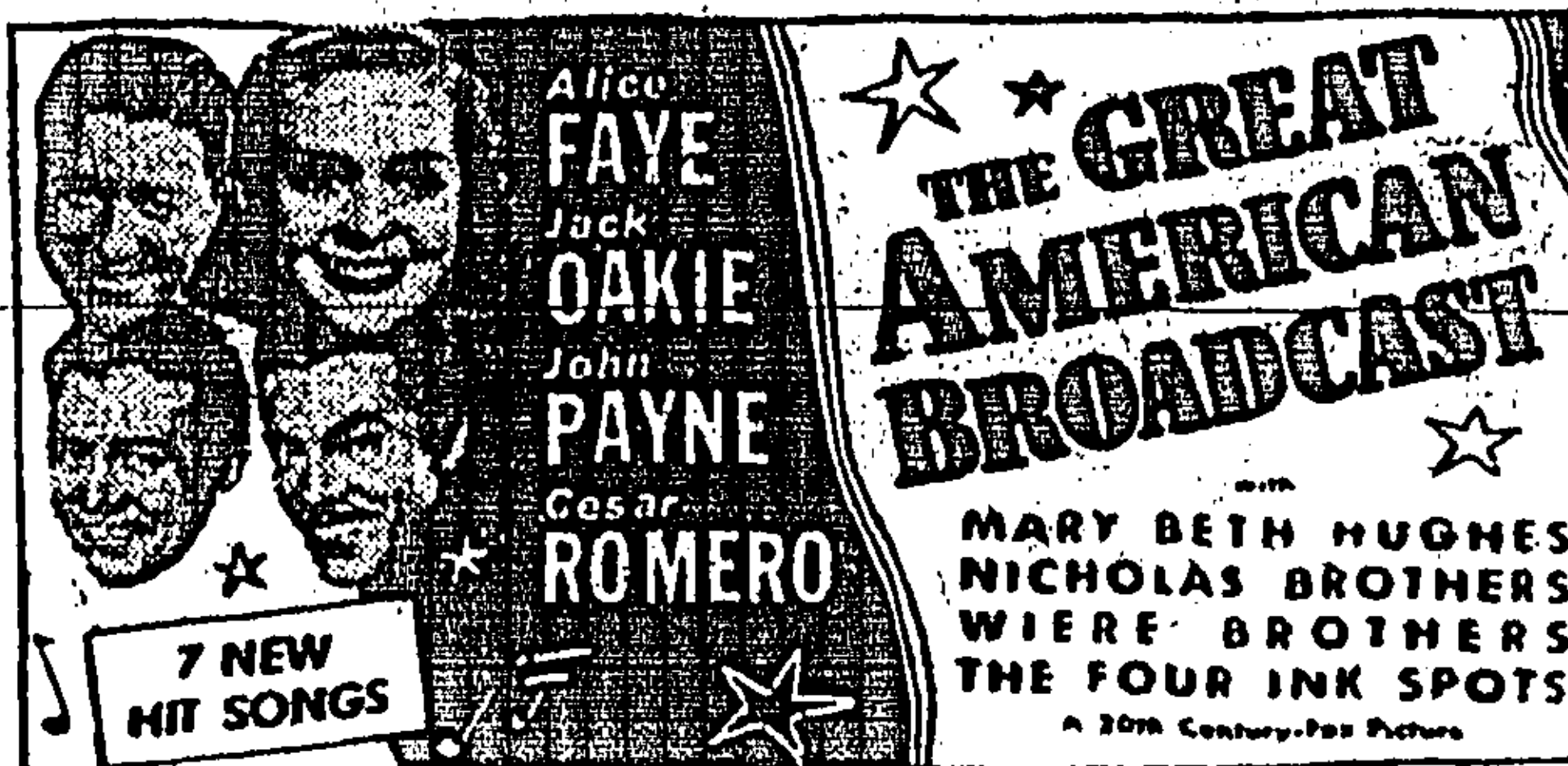
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PUT GERMANS IN HOSPITALS

Sir Thomas Moore (Cons.) suggested in the House of Commons that German prisoners be placed in London hospitals not yet bombed and Germany informed.

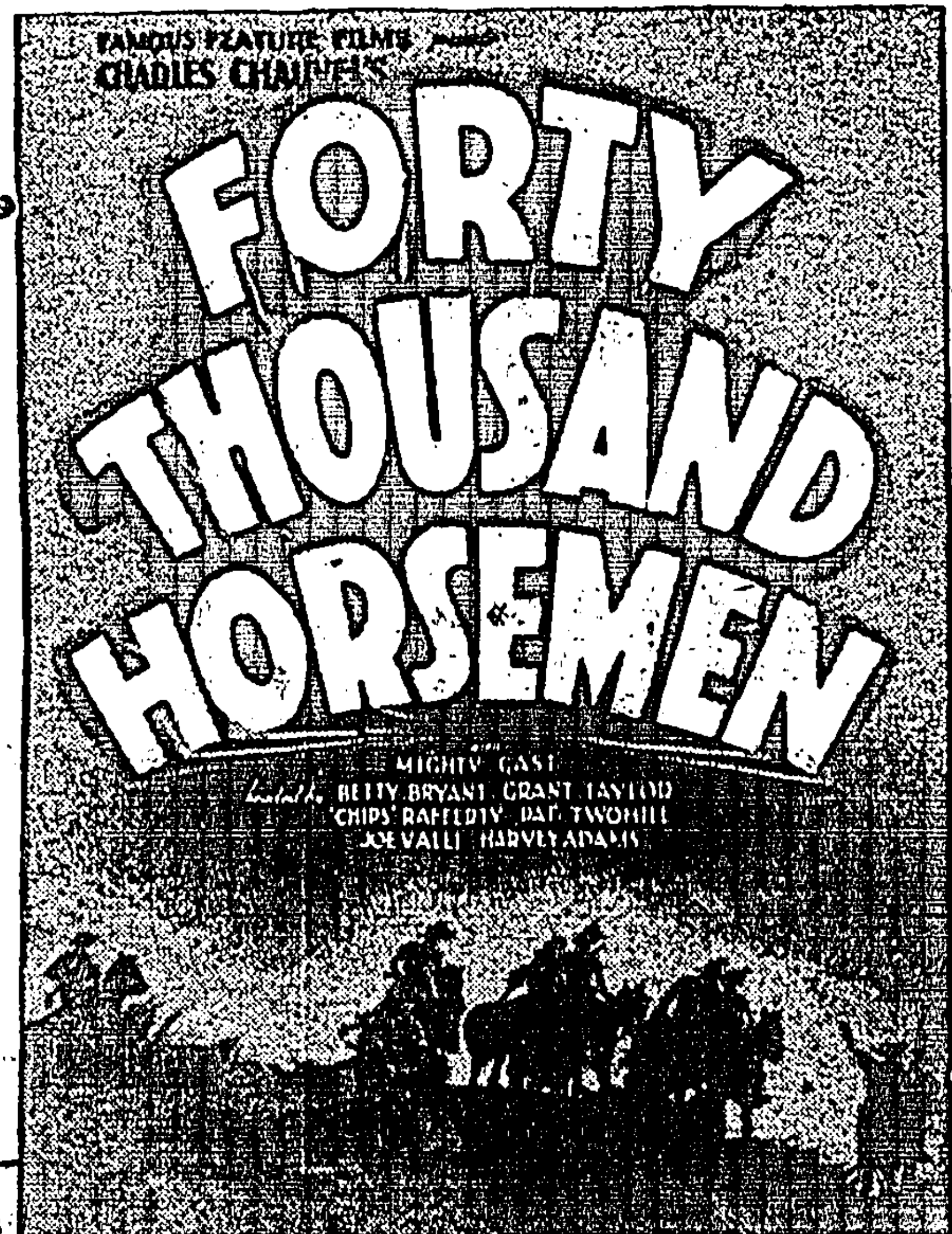
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TOBRUK'S GARRISON WAITS FOR COMMAND TO ADVANCE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent Inside Tobruk)

AFTER BARELY FIVE months in this sector, during which time they have made military history, the British Imperial garrison at Tobruk waits only for the day when the big push comes and they will receive orders to break through the perimeter and go up with the Allied armies which will roll back the Axis forces.

Soldiers' lives here are unbelievably hard and monotonous and, save for an occasional swim in the sea, they know no comforts whatever.

But if Goebbels likes to believe that their morale is not good, he is welcome to do so, for the truth is that the barracks are full of that cheerful grousing with which first-class soldiers relieve their feelings during periods of comparative inaction.

In five months no man has more than one pint of beer or, on rare occasions, a small tot of whiskey. Water distilled from the sea requires something in order to make it palatable but it is a treat to have some lime juice added.

The fighting area is approximately the size of the Isle of Wight and resembles a painting by Salvador Dali of a desolate landscape.

Independent Front

I came to Tobruk in one of the Navy's newest and fastest vessels, meeting with not the slightest opposition although we steamed at times so close to the enemy coast that we could observe buildings ashore.

Despite five months of attempts to knock British ships out of the harbour, our vessels still use it at will, manifestly in considerable numbers in view of the large supplies needed.

Standing on a hill near the harbour one easily sees the point where the perimeter ends on the beach beyond which stretches the enemy coastline.

It can be truly said that Tobruk is not a besieged city but rather an independent front which, though momentarily quiet, is destined to play a key part in any future drive to oust the Germans and Italians finally from Africa. — Reuter.

TEHERAN SCARCITY OF FOOD

FOOD AND OTHER COMMODITIES ARE SCARCE IN TEHERAN, BREAD BEING ALMOST UNOBTAINABLE. CROWDS WAIT FOR HOURS OUTSIDE BAKERS' SHOPS AND THEN ONLY GET VERY POOR QUALITY STUFF.

Great excitement was caused when following the Anglo-Russian entry into Iran air raid precautions were taken. The city was completely blacked-out on Wednesday night for the first time and the population fully expected an air raid. — Reuter.

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AMERICAN OFFICERS AT FRONT

A group of American Air Corps officers, headed by Major-General George Brett, will tour the African, Near East, Mediterranean and Atlantic war fronts for first-hand study of British needs in American aviation equipment.

The U.S. War Department, announcing this yesterday, said the date of departure would not be published and there was no fixed schedule for the length or itinerary of the trip.

The trip will give Major-General Brett an opportunity of studying personally two particularly pressing problems, those relating to the maintenance and repair of air equipment and those relating to supply.

The War Department explains that the maintenance and supply of American aircraft in the war zones has been made more difficult because of lack of personnel familiar with them.

It is believed the studies in the battle zones "will make possible the elimination of existing bottlenecks in the use of American equipment." — Reuter.

CUTTING OUT ARMY POLISH

It was stated in the House of Commons that instructions had been given that all webbing equipment and brasses, likely to be used by troops on active service should be left unpolished.

GUNNERS ACTIVE AT TOBRUK

ENEMY ARTILLERY WAS ACTIVE AT TOBRUK YESTERDAY AND THERE WERE SEVERAL DIVE-BOMBING ATTACKS RESULTING IN LITTLE DAMAGE, SAYS A BRITISH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO.

In Libya our artillery successfully engaged a large enemy work party.

In the frontier area there was some exchange of artillery fire.

At Jarabub, enemy aircraft dropped bombs causing slight damage to the Senussi mosque there. — Reuter.

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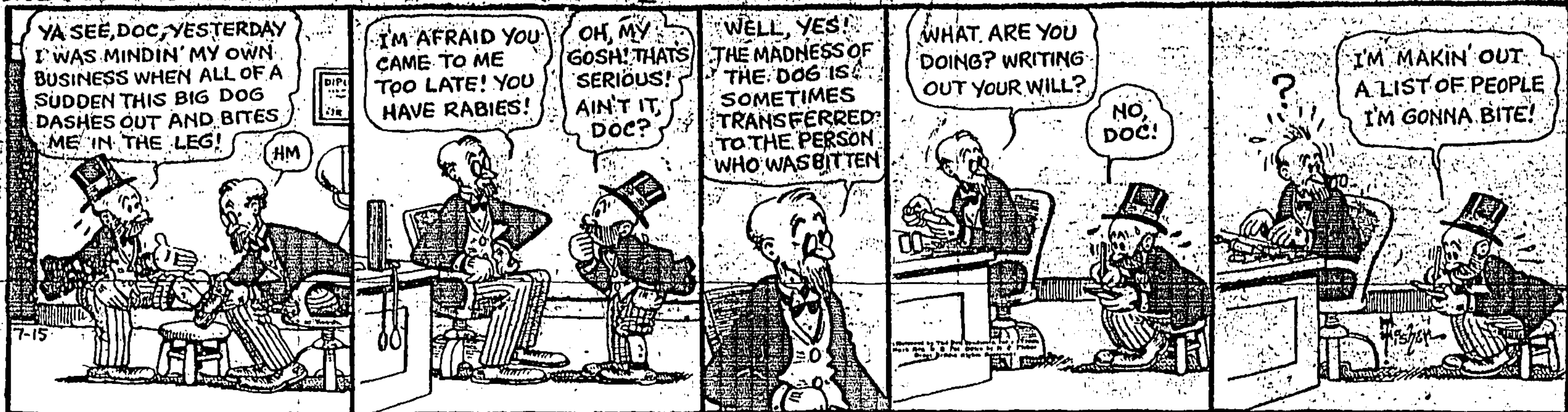
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER

REBELS—
GUESTS
OF A.R.P.

This is what happened to thousands of people who ignored the official warning: "Don't travel this Whitsun."

Lancashire war workers had to sleep in air raid shelters in the crowded "evacuation" resorts in North Wales.

People who made for the West of England spent most of their three-day break in food queues; and

The lighter side—no juicy coconuts to knock down at four balls for sixpence.

No extra rations had been allocated to West of England resorts except for long-term visitors who brought emergency cards.

Three-day visitors found that restaurants could not cater for them. Crowds quickly surrounded every shop selling eatables.

Queues more than half a mile long formed outside restaurants and shops at Weston-super-Mare. Waste of petrol was apparent.

Holidaymakers cruised along the front in cars whose registration numbers showed them to have travelled from as far as Yorkshire, Lancashire, the Home Counties.

To make sure, a "Daily Mirror" reporter checked up on Road Fund licences.

There were no special holiday

LOUNGE SUITS
FOR FAREWELL
CEREMONY

For the farewell ceremony to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote on Tuesday at the King's Theatre, the dress for men, except these who will be in uniform, is lounge suit.

trains, but the ordinary services at several stations in Lancashire had to be duplicated to clear the crowded platforms.

Southport had seven extra trains, but that was only one-tenth of the normal Whitsun traffic.

At Blackpool, spare rooms were so few that the information bureau sent out an SOS to landlords.

Fairground winners had to be content with an ornament or a celluloid doll for knocking down artificial coconuts.

The reason was simple. No space for coconuts can be spared in British food ships.

EX-A.P.C.
MAN DIED
AT SEA

Details have now been received of the death of Lieut.-Commr. W. A. Elliot, R.N., formerly of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., in Shanghai. Commr. Elliot was reported to have lost his life some weeks ago while in action, and many persons obtained from the despatch the impression that he had been killed while in the Mediterranean. A letter from his wife to friends in Shanghai, parts of which are published below, shows that he was drowned after having saved the life of a wounded seaman in his ship, H.M.S. Marshona, which was lost after the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck in the Atlantic. The letter also shows the high esteem in which the late Commr. Elliot was held by his superiors. The extracts follow:

Captain's Tribute

Now I have heard how he lost his life. You will be so proud of him. I will be too one day, when I can feel anything at all beyond this agony of grief and bewilderment.

Captain of Marshona wrote: "He died upholding the very finest traditions of the Service, a death of which any naval officer would be proud. We had all witnessed the final sinking of the Bismarck and later the Marshona was hit and sank. Your husband gave his life saving a wounded sailor. When we all had to take to the water he made himself responsible for this wounded rating, and despite the heavy swell managed to tow him and get a line around him, so that he was eventually rescued. This must have exhausted your husband more than he thought, and in spite of every effort made by H.M.S. Tartar he was unable to be rescued, and was, to our great sorrow drowned. His body was picked up later by H.M.C.S. St. Clair and buried at sea. This very gallant act I have reported to my higher authorities."

Admiral Praises Bravery

Admiral Noble wrote me so dearly and said "A fitting end to a brave and gallant seaman. He could so easily have stayed in Hong Kong but he saw where his duty lay, and came home to do it. All this will be known in due course and a very brave man will be acknowledged by his countrymen."

Admiral Peters who was in Hong Kong with us says to me I must take pride "that his efforts were not wasted, and a death like this is just what you would expect from his gallant and utterly selfless nature, and that you had the unwavering devotion of such a man."

He was so keen, and so happy in this ship, and that Admiral Noble had personally asked "to have him in his command after the three months training, his daring eager heart so anxious to give of his best."

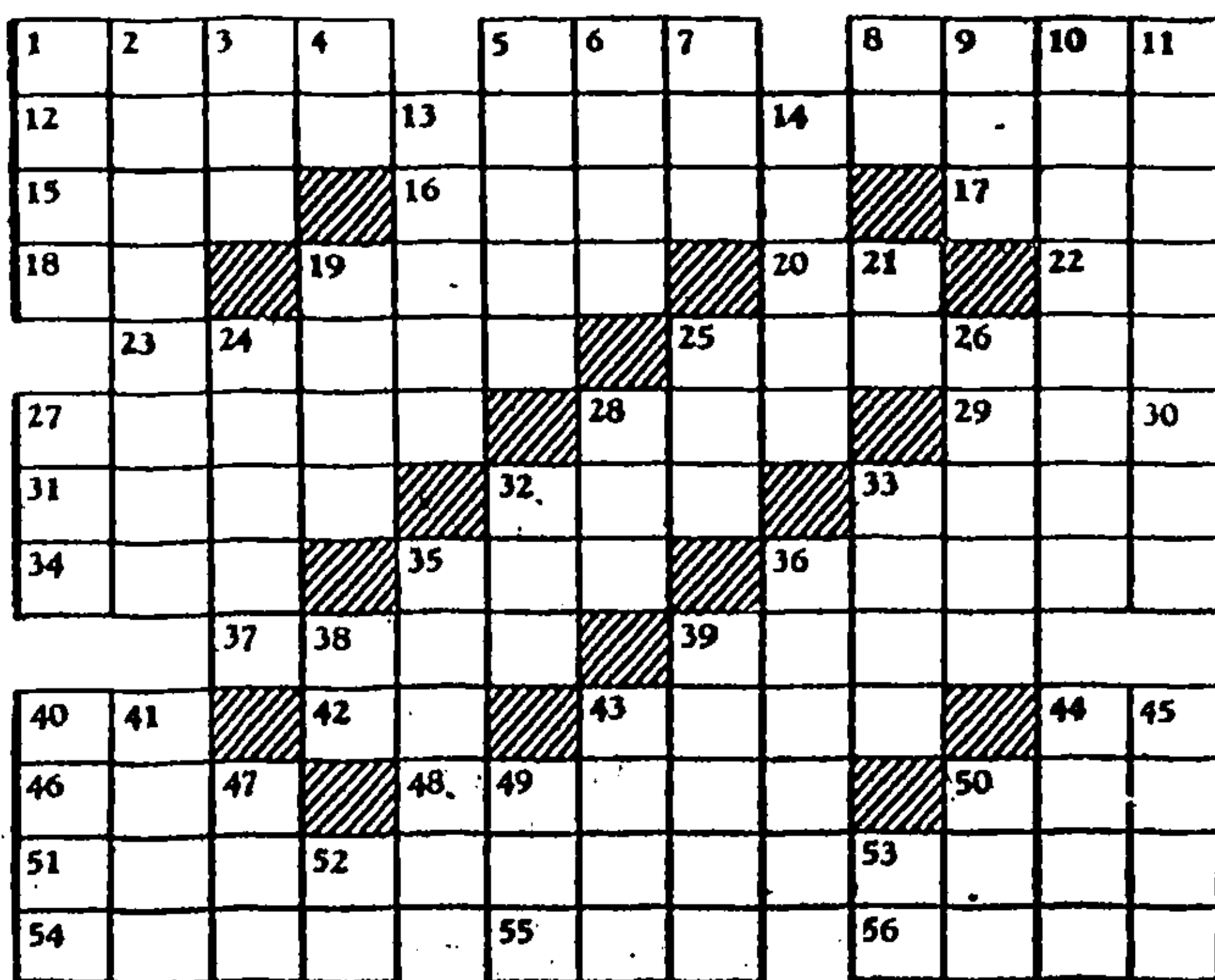
I am glad he saw the Bismarck go—he'd be so thrilled. And then to think that a — bomber got them... they were attacked from dawn to dusk and apparently put up a magnificent fight.

I never thought there could be such an agony of grief to be borne, and I'm only one of thousands.

FEWER NEUROTICS
IN WAR

The war has had a bracing effect on neurotics. The Midland Nerve Hospital's annual report says there are fewer patients for functional disorders.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 German river
- 5 Arabian garment
- 8 Speedy
- 12 Fleckiness
- 15 Large tub
- 16 Ancient city on the Tiber
- 17 Craggy hill
- 18 Symbol for actinium
- 19 The dill
- 20 Chinese measure
- 22 Toward
- 23 Attack
- 25 To incline
- 27 Breaks suddenly
- 28 Downy
- 29 Youth
- 31 Finds the sum of
- 32 By what means
- 33 Sheet of glass
- 34 Indo-Chinese language
- 35 Cravat
- 36 Gritty
- 37 To overwhelm
- 39 Among
- 40 Colloquial father
- 42 Hypothetical force

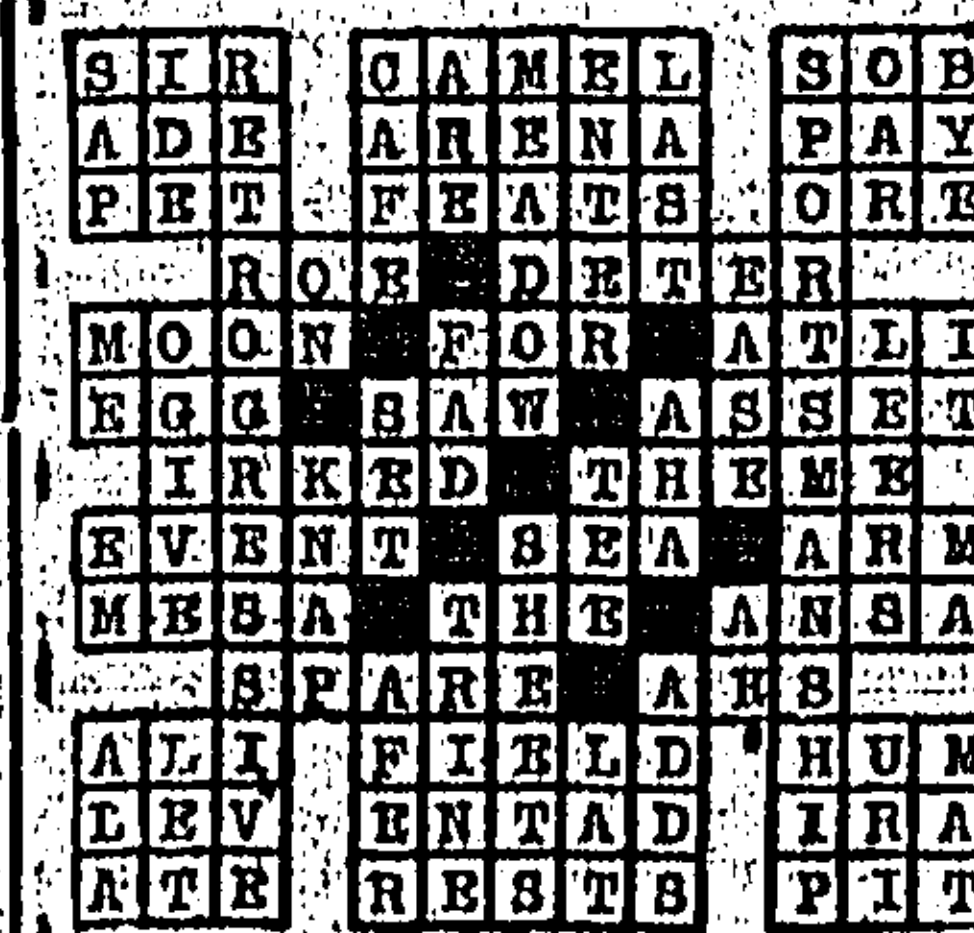
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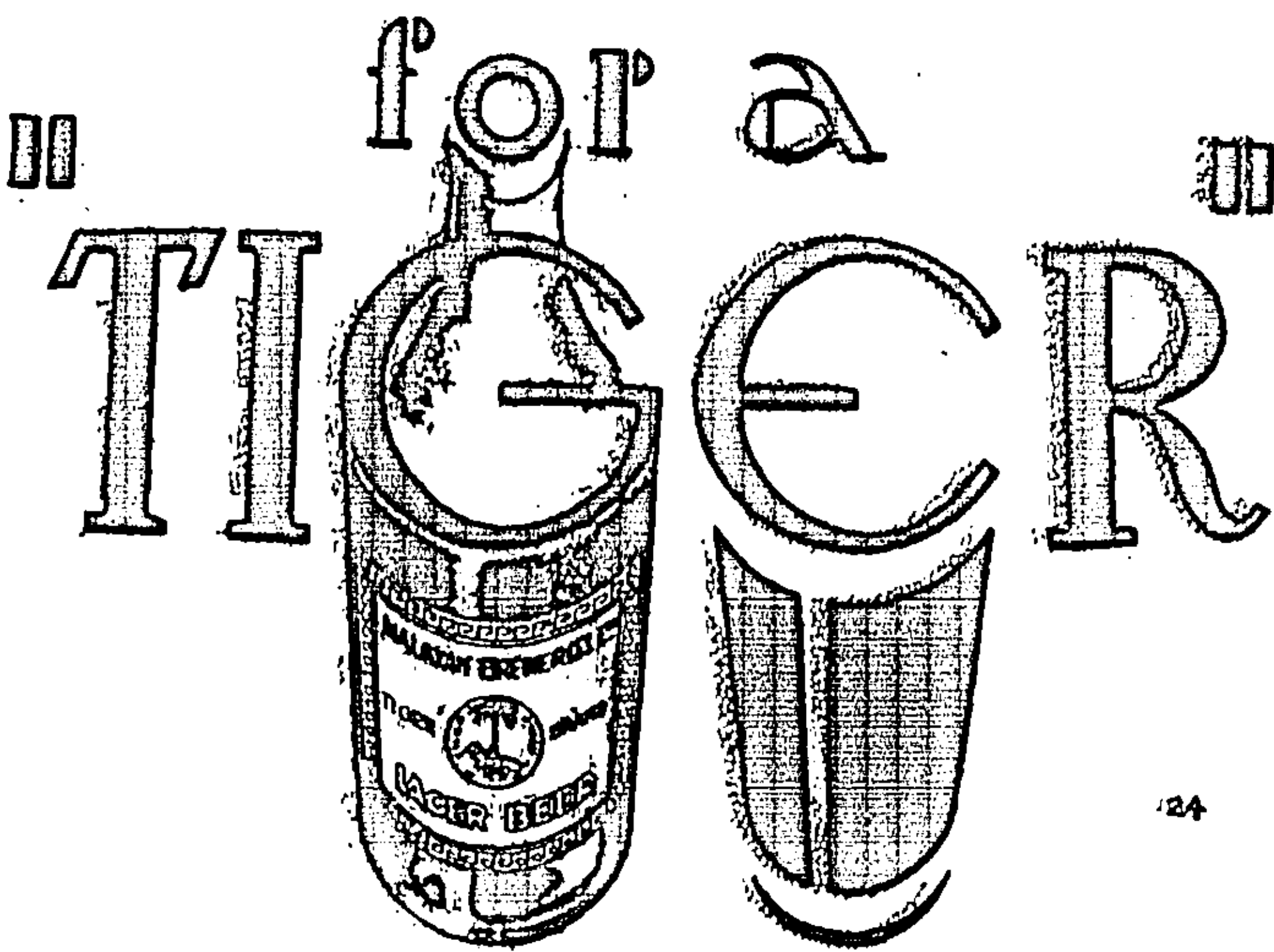
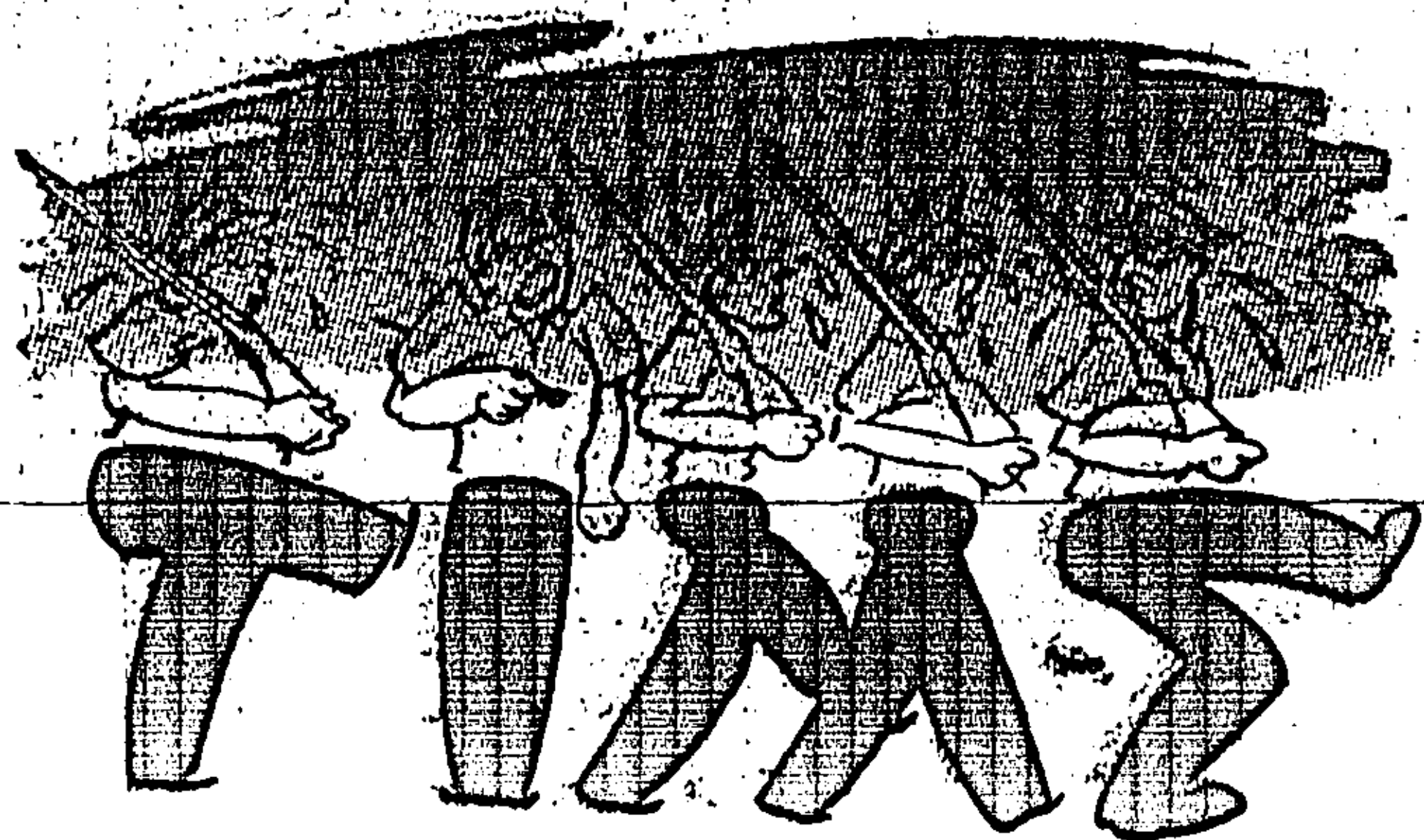
- 13 Hindu deity
- 2 Large snake
- 3 To behave
- 4 Artificial language
- 5 Item of property
- 6 Timber for securing hawsers
- 7 Edible mollusk
- 8 Symbol for iron
- 9 Social insect

10 Northern division of Great Britain

- 11 Beginner
- 13 Ninth day before the Ides
- 14 Legends
- 19 Vipers
- 21 Four
- 24 Lowest point
- 25 Archer
- 26 African antelope
- 27 Poised
- 28 Deer
- 30 Ruler of Tunis
- 32 To strike
- 33 Bucket
- 35 Henry VII's surname
- 36 To destroy
- 38 Hawaiian bird
- 39 Ridge between mountains
- 40 Italian seaport
- 41 Urchin
- 43 River in Italy
- 44 Poisonous tree
- 45 Animal skin
- 47 To recede
- 49 Trap
- 50 Aviator
- 52 Archaic the
- 53 Pronoun

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Unsung Courage Of Britain's Shopfolk

(By DOROTHY ANN LOVELL)

I WAS PAYING a bill. Bills still arrive with persistent regularity despite the cessation of much else. I took the money out of my bag, and while waiting for the receipt, chatted to the little shop assistant.

She was immaculate, from her glossy curls to her manicured nails, and made me feel ashamed of my dusty condition. It is difficult not to be dusty these days. I had made my way around the fringe of a huge crater and craters have a habit of being dusty.

On the other side of that wall, I told myself, immediately behind that bright young face, a high building had gone, had been crushed right away from roof to cellar, leaving nothing but protruding ribs, and doorways leading nowhere, and fire-places clinging to unprotected walls.

I looked at the fireplaces around me in the showroom. There were plenty of them — polished, glowing, elegant — displaying all the latest types of modern heating. I looked at the painted walls, at the richly grained doors with their glass handles, at the scarlet leather seats of the chromium chairs, and I felt the comforting warmth of well-being that pervades such showrooms. That thing outside, that desolation had momentarily disappeared. It was impossible for two such extremes to exist at the same time.

Got Through All Right

"Saturday night was a bit noisy, wasn't it?" came the voice across the counter. "I was in one of the worst parts — chose that special week-end to stay there with my aunt! But we got through all right." She gave a little laugh, and folding the receipted bill carefully, handed it to me. As she did so she looked straight into my eyes.

"Why don't we feel it more than we do?" she asked. That is the question we are all asking. Why don't we feel it more than we do?

She is safe, I told myself as I went away. She didn't get the direct hits. Her job is still there. She isn't looking at the havoc in the roadway or at the traffic crawling along at five miles an hour in order not to bring down more of the tottering structure. That is why she doesn't feel it.

In Another Store

But then I remembered another shop — a large store that had suffered severely from enemy action on that same Saturday night. Most of the front had gone, and when the assistants, many of whom had already lost their homes, arrived for work on the following Monday morning, the mass of fallen debris was so thick that they literally had to sweep their way in. A side of the roof was open to the sky, and to add to the confusion, a pipe had burst and one of the floors was flooded. So they collected waders from the shoe department and tackled that job.

"We had to keep things going, you see," said one of the girls brightly when the salvage sale was in full swing five days later. And then she turned to serve a customer. "Not silk ones, Madam." I heard her saying, in the imperturbable voice that no blitz can change, "but we have a few large size inisle at 2/11."

Why don't we feel it more than we do?

I thought of the large person, with a mop of fair hair sticking out beneath a felt hat, who had plumped herself down at my table in the busy cafe and had immediately begun to talk.

Talk Barriers Toppled

Londoners, before the war, were not in the habit of talking to anyone and everybody but the knowledge that we are all in it together has changed things in many ways.

She spread out her hands in front of her and looked at them with a smile. "Been picking up glass for hours," she explained. "All the windows have been blown out, but the job's there all right."

I handed her the menu.

"What's there to eat?" she asked. "I want a nice meal if I can get it; you can't hope for more than one real meal a day now," and she ran her eyes over the curtailed list of dishes. "I'm a big woman," she went on, "and you don't get bits of cheese, and things like that to fill up odd corners these days!"

She wasn't complaining. Her good natured face rose cheerily above the collar of her coat, and her light blue eyes were merry.

"The street's in a mess," she informed me by way of something to say. "All glass and hose pipes. And the little old sandwich shop down the steps in the Court — perhaps you know it? — it's gone. You can't help feeling sorry you've lost it; I used to dodge in there most days for a chat and a laugh."

Music Helps A Bit

Her meal arrived, and she didn't speak again until it was finished. Then she sat back in her chair contentedly.

"It's nice hearing the music," she observed. "It makes you feel more normal. That's what I always say — it's best to be normal if you can. I'm one of those as can put their troubles off — push them into to-morrow so as I haven't got them with me if you know what I mean. It's the best way, isn't it? Keeps you happy!"

That was the large woman with the fluffy hair, who had been picking up glass all the morning, if not in a shop at any rate in an office; who had waded through debris and hose pipes in order to get her one good meal, and who was short of cheese "and things like that, to fill up odd corners."

But she hasn't lost her job, I told myself as I walked away through the broken streets. She doesn't really feel it because her job is still going on.

Antique Shop Gone

And then I came upon the tiny antique shop, or rather upon the corner where the shop had stood; for it was no longer there. I had been fond of that little place. It had afforded me much pleasurable anticipation whenever I went that way, for the young woman

HORROR TALES FROM BERLIN

While Berlin radio accuses the Russians of torturing wounded German officers to death, "Pravda," the Soviet newspaper, says an order by a German general has been found saying that the shooting of Russian prisoners "should be more systematic."

Berlin radio says one German officer's body had been burned with a soldering-iron "found nearby."

who owned it took a delight in constantly changing her window display, and my eyes were always falling on fresh objects attractively set out on strips of red velvet.

Even if I managed to get past the bow window in the front, I was caught by an aperture at the side through which could be seen a stove glowing among an assortment of books, china and glass, all marked at prices that seemed remarkably low.

And now the little place was no more than a heap of smashed wood and rubble, of charred pages loosened from their bindings, and blackened pictures parted from their frames. In and out of it all, as if trying to hold the remains together, wound the strips of red velvet. A warden had mounted the heap and was dragging torn and broken things from the wreckage.

The young woman was there, too, taking the objects from him and placing them together in pathetic groups on the ground. It reminded me, in some grotesque way, of the bran tubs we used to have at parties, except that the rubble was not the wrapped-up gifts we used to find.

I spoke to the young woman. I told her how sorry I was that the place had gone and asked if she would be able to carry on the business elsewhere. She looked up cheerfully from a collection of crumpled prints at her feet.

"Oh, yes," she said. "I've taken a shop over the way. I'll be opening quite shortly!"

Why don't we feel it more than we do? Surely, if anyone had a right to be shattered she had? Yet there had been an almost triumphant look in her face while she spoke to me, as if, through the very suffering, some great new thing was being born.



Music, dancing and romance keynotes 20th Century-Fox's latest hit, "The Great American Broadcast," which stars Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, John Payne and Cesar Romero. Featured in the picture is a cast headed by Mary Beth Hughes. Featured spots are filled by The Four Ink Spots, The Wier Brothers and The Nicholas Brothers.



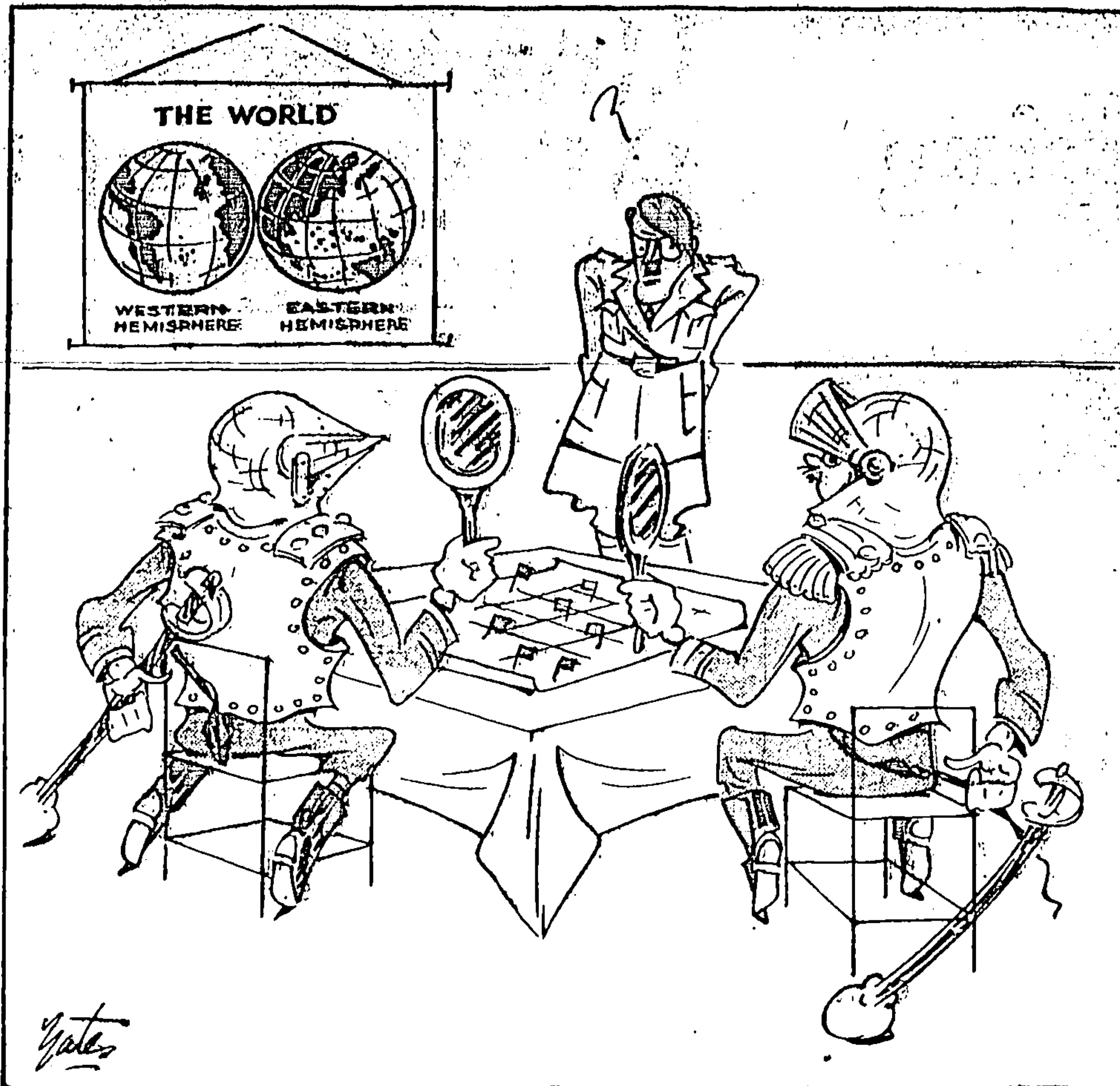
1941 AND 1812

When Hitler's armies entered Russia on June 22, the invasion of Russia by Napoleon and its disastrous results to the invader were often recalled, but usually with the view to showing how the circumstances of 1812 could not be repeated nowadays. The fact that in that earlier war neither railroads nor aeroplanes existed, the achievements of the Blitzkrieg in the present war, the profound distrust of the Russian Government and Army—all these considerations seemed to indicate contrasts rather than resemblances. Yet to at least some extent the unpredictable has happened. The Nazi armies have been held back for ten weeks, and there is now, perhaps, more of a disposition to look back to exactly what happened 129 years ago.

What was the calendar of the invasion in 1812? Napoleon declared war on June 23—almost precisely the time of year when the Nazis entered Russia. On August 18 the French Army captured Smolensk; on September 7 the Battle of Borodino was fought; on September 14 Murat entered Moscow. That both Smolensk and Moscow had been set on fire by the Russians before evacuating did not spoil Napoleon's conviction that the victory was his, that he would presently destroy what was left of the Russian Army, or else that the Czar would sue for peace.

Every one knows what actually happened; but not every one remembers why. That the Winter turned out to be unusually severe is true; but this was not what forced the retreat of Napoleon's army. The French withdrew from Moscow on October 16; Caulaincourt's day-to-day memoirs recall that the cold weather did not begin until November 5. For the invaders' growing demoralisation the real cause was famine. The retreating Russians had left little behind them on which the French Army could support itself, and the Cossacks harried them whenever they foraged or sought to bring up new supplies. Napoleon left his troops on December 5 to return to France, and then began for the retreating army the tragedy of a cruel Russian Winter. It was estimated that only 20,000 of the invading army of 400,000 escaped from Russia.

Exact repetition of the



HITLER CALLS A STAFF CONFERENCE

Japan Has Much To Lose

THE war is like a great earthquake with Europe as its epicentre, transmitting successive waves of disturbance throughout the world. For some time past Japan has been striving to set up a "new order" in Eastern Asia in general and the South Seas in particular. In the Nazi manner she has conjured up visions of a great "co-prosperity sphere," embracing the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya, and the Philippines, Thailand and French Indo-China.

Germany, while holding that Japan's aims in China and the

ing Germany's strength for a mortal blow at the heart.

Other sovereign powers apart from Japan have paramount interests in the Pacific. British, French and Dutch Airways traverse the South Sea territories, and link them with their respective Metropolitan centres.

Necessity Of Common Access

Economically, South-East Asia and the South Seas are of vital importance to almost all the other

By

V. S. Swaminathan, M.A., M. Sc.

The extent to which Japan can consolidate the fruits of past aggression is problematic. One thing, however, is certain. If she should choose full cooperation with the Axis Powers in the present struggle, her day as an Asiatic power is past—in any event.

South Seas are matters of secondary importance, is ever urging her Eastern partner to action.

"Japan must move now!" say the Nazis. "Japan must realise the vital need of occupying British strategic points in the Far East by military force before the American Fleet arrives to take them over itself," writes "Munchener Neueste Nachrichten."

It is obviously Hitler's strategy to get Britain to spread its war effort over as many different theatres as possible while mass-

experiences of 1812 could hardly be expected now; the longer result may be altogether different. Yet the result of Napoleon's invasion was to the world at large wholly unexpected; and the disaster with which his invasion of Russia ended came to the greatest general and the most powerful army of his day.

countries of the world as sources of raw materials—valuable in peace time as well as of vital importance in war.

In these areas, nearly two-thirds of the world's tin is mined and over ninety-five per cent. of the world's rubber produced. Mineral oil, bauxite, iron ore, manganese, gold, chrome, tungsten, antimony, cinchona bark, Manilla hemp, spices, cane sugar, tea, rice, vegetable oilseeds and nuts are other commodities. Other nations besides Japan must have access to them.

During the Four Years' War Japan was an ally of the British Empire. Far removed from the active theatres of war and bearing a relatively light burden she reaped the greatest benefit from that struggle. Her trade with the South Sea countries increased more than six-fold from seventy-six million Yen in 1914 to four hundred-and-seventy-six millions in 1939.

Her shipping earnings, too, have waxed greatly since the World War period.

All this Japan has gained by peaceful commercial intercourse and without resort to war in the comparatively short period of twenty-five years. Her war with

China has, as yet, added nothing to her prosperity.

If the situation in the Pacific is not so pacific to-day, Mr. Matsukata must bear his share of responsibility for Japan's alliance with Germany and Italy.

Tool Of Nazi Diplomacy

In turning her attention to the Pacific Japan appears to be playing the Nazi game at the bidding of Berlin.

The avowed object of the Tripartite pact was to reduce America's ability or willingness to assist Britain and China. Actually, the conversion of the Axis into the Triangle has linked the Atlantic and Pacific danger. By underlining the solidarity of aggression, Japan has dominated the total nature of security to the mass of the American people.

All the major powers with interests in the Pacific—including, we hope, Japan—are anxious to preserve peace, and maintain the status quo in that region. Japan has no right to complain if others take precautions.

United Forces Of Democracy

The Empire countries East of Suez have pooled their material resources and mobilised their industries to resist aggression from any quarter. At the same time there has been cooperation in the military field. Linked with Singapore in the defence of the Far East, and India are the secondary bases at Simonstown, Hong Kong, Colombo, and Port Darwin.

Strong contingents of British, Indian and Australian troops are now at Singapore and the Air Forces under the Far East Command have received powerful reinforcements of bomber and fighter squadrons from America as well as Britain.

The United States is also strengthening the defences of Guam and Samoa, enlarging the new naval airbase and other protective works on Oahu island (Hawaii) and at Wake and Midway islands lying on the route to Guam, while Manila and Subig Bay, constituting the key points of defence in the Philippines, are being strengthened. The United States Pacific Fleet has been brought up to full strength while the greater part of the Dutch Navy is stationed in the Netherlands East Indies.

It is to be hoped that Japan will pause and reflect before trying to pull Germany's chestnuts out of the Nazi-ignited fire. Japan has too much to lose in a war with her Pacific neighbours and—in view of Germany's record—nothing at all to gain.

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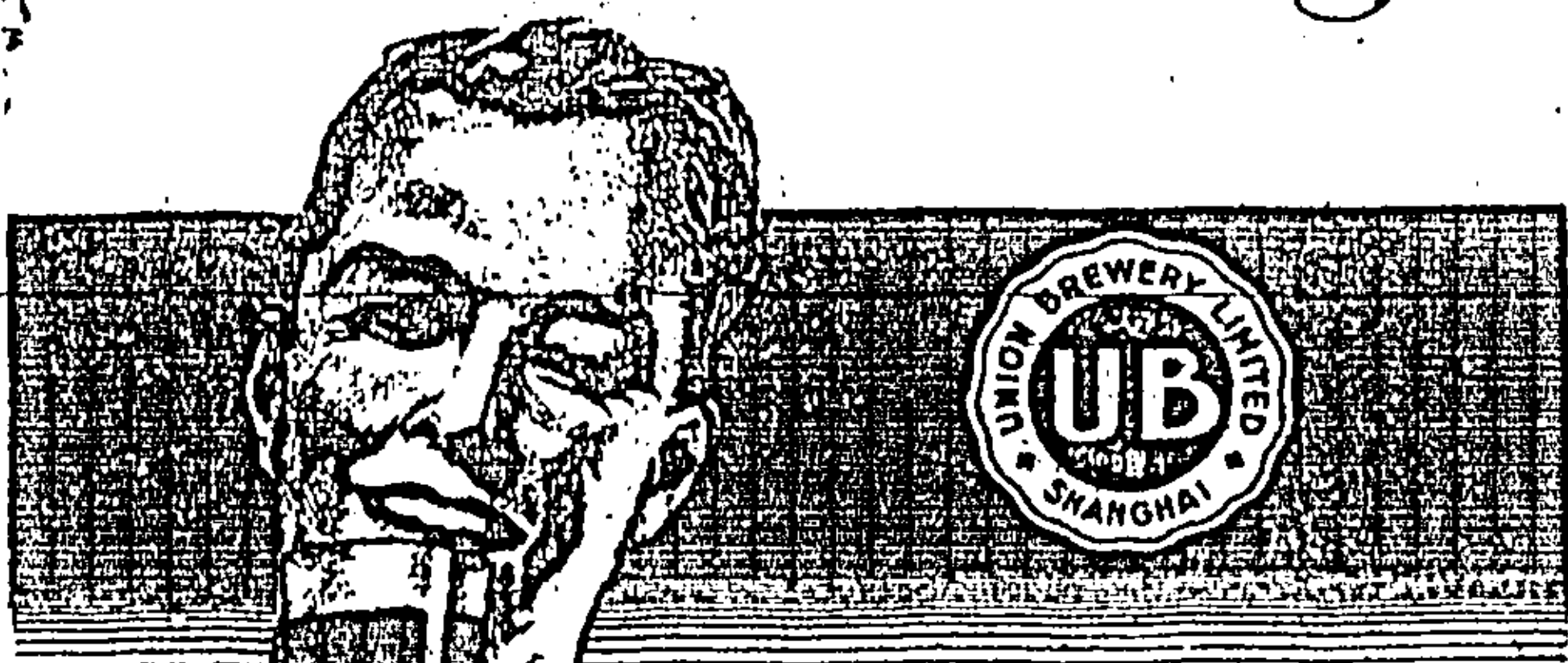
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BRAVERY AND SKILL SAVED "ILLUSTRIOUS"

THE STORY of the brilliant organisation, seamanship, and gunnery which saved the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* when she was subjected to a series of air attacks in the Mediterranean on January 10, can now be told. Within a few hours this ship was the main target for six air attacks in which nearly one hundred German and Italian planes took part. Both bombs and torpedoes were aimed at her, but only a very small proportion of the scores of bombs hit.

The *Illustrious* was sailing with the battle fleet when the early attacks were made. The first attack was by a couple of torpedo-bombers. Both launched their torpedoes at her, but the aircraft-carrier altered course in good time and these missed. Naval aircraft from the carrier chased the enemy back to the shore.

Soon afterwards German dive-bombers launched the worst attack of the day. In wave after wave some forty of these dived on the fleet, concentrating on the *Illustrious*, which was hit by several bombs. These put some of the anti-aircraft guns out of action, did damage between decks, and started several fires. But still the gun crews kept up their barrage, and the Fleet Air Arm fought the dive-bombers in the air while the ship took avoiding action. Two of the young British naval pilots who had exhausted their ammunition in an earlier fight made dummy attacks on German dive-bombers and put them off their aim.

Fire-Fighters' Bravery

Most of the many small fires started by bombs were quickly put out and damage done below decks was soon shored up, but a serious fire in a section of one hangar defied all efforts of the reinforced fire-fighting parties. Damage caused by a heavy bomb in this section hampered efforts to fight the flames, but from time to time the fire-fighters made sallies into the burning hangar, braving the risk of explosions from aircraft with full petrol tanks. At each sally the men were able to do something to check the fire.

Steering-Gear Breaks

Now the *Illustrious*, with destroyers in attendance, turned and headed for Malta. At this stage her steering-gear broke down and the ship had to be steered with her engines. The ship was also developing a list because of the accumulation of water being poured on the fires. Everybody aboard was working at high pressure to rescue the wounded, repair damage, and fight fires. One party had a great struggle to prevent water reaching the dynamos.

Down in the boiler-rooms conditions were growing almost unbearable. The draught fans were pouring down thick clouds of black smoke and fumes from chemical fire extinguishers. But steam had to be maintained at all costs. The men in the boiler-rooms had to breathe through wet cloths, gasping to get each breath.

Then a third air attack on the ship was launched. This was a high-level bombing attack by seven bombers which were sighted far off and tackled in good time by the fighter aircraft. The attackers were forced to drop their bombs harmlessly in the sea.

Little Respite

While this attack was being beaten off the *Illustrious* was temporarily out of control and swinging in wide circles. She was got under control and again headed for Malta, but the enemy did not give her much breathing-space. Soon fifteen Junkers dive-bombers protected by five fighters were seen approaching. The first wave dived to the attack and two of their bombs fell near. The second wave followed quickly but were no more successful, although one bomb scored a "near miss." The carrier's gun crews, although handicapped by the smoke from the fire in the ship, put up such a barrage that this attack was

not pressed home. The rest of the German aircraft made a last attempt to attack, but were driven off without dropping a bomb.

A few miles from Malta seventeen enemy aircraft appeared. This was a combined high-level and dive-bombing attack, and again the enemy was beaten off.

The *Illustrious* was in sight of the harbour when the last alarm was raised. Two enemy torpedo-bombers were sighted, but the *Illustrious* opened such a hot and accurate fire that no definite attack developed. So, after about seven hours of air attack, the *Illustrious* made port. Even then she was the focus for a number of air attacks during which her guns helped to beat off the raiders.

But fine organisation saved her at sea and helped to save her in port. "From the fact that the ship was saved and brought into harbour it is evident that the entire ship's organisation, the centralised control of damage, and the initiative and energy shown by all were of a very high order," says the official report.

Final Attacks

"The ship suffered damage in four of the ten attacks carried out on her at sea and in Malta. The two final attacks were on a very large scale, with at least fifty aircraft in each, but these only scored one hit owing to the determined manner in which the guns were fought.

The engine-room and repair parties saved a vulnerable ship after severe damage and in difficult conditions. Seventy bombs fell in the immediate vicinity of the ship during the four large-scale attacks.

Enemy Losses

Apart from the very heavy losses inflicted on the enemy during the raids on Malta the *Illustrious* and her aircraft imposed the following losses on the enemy during the attacks at sea: Nine German aircraft were seen to be shot down, five by naval aircraft and four by gunfire. A further seven were seen to be damaged, and at least two of these almost certainly failed to return to their base.

TERRIFIC STORMS END BRITISH HEAT

BRITAIN'S HEAT-WAVE, which lasted a month, ended abruptly on July 12 with terrific storms throughout the country.

Lightning killed two men and a girl, and a six-months' old boy was drowned in a London basement.

The censor now permits the facts to be revealed.

The areas which suffered most were London, the Home Counties, and Wales, where several inches of rain fell in a few minutes.

Roads became impassable, trains were held up, houses damaged, telephones put out of action and low-lying villages flooded.

Lightning struck a North

GERMAN WAR SONG

Among German soldiers who have been kept on the move for two years a popular song is, "We Haven't Any Home Any More."

The words are written on cars and tanks.

ITALIAN PEACE QUEST

All this talk in London about an imminent peace move by Italy—I discount it by 90 per cent., as wishful thinking, writes a London Correspondent.

There is, however, an ever-increasing indication that the Vatican wants peace—and may, therefore, get peace . . . as a result of Mussolini's waning popularity.

I do not expect any obvious moves for some weeks—perhaps months—but Italy is suffering from war nerves, intensified by the knowledge that the British Fleet and the R.A.F. have not yet made a full-scale attack proportionate with their power.

Strong is the fear that Britain's silence regarding her plans to create a diversion to help Russia is a calm before the storm—destined to sweep the British Empire's avenging armies, not only through the Libyan desert, and not only to Sicily (to cut off German communications with Tripoli) but also to the very shores of Italy herself.

AFTER THIS, THE LAST HOPES OF ITALIAN INDEPENDENCE—AND THE LAST PRETENCE OF ITALIAN PRIDE—WOULD ABSOLUTELY VANISH.

SPITFIRE BEFORE DINNER

The Diggers Abroad Association—Australian soldiers of the last war living in Britain—have sent £48 to help buy a Spitfire instead of holding an annual dinner.

YEAR "MISSING"—CAPTIVE

Thirteen months after being reported missing, Edward Garnett, 67, a Manx seaman, of Ballabeg, Arbury, has written his wife telling her he is a prisoner of war in Germany.



"The Great American Broadcast" stars Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, John Payne and Cesar Romero in a film full of popular songs and clever dances. Featured prominently in the new musical are the Four Inkspots, The Nicholas Brothers and The Wierd Brothers.

AMERICA BEATING GERMANY IN AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

(From LELAND STOWE, the famous war correspondent, now touring United States defence factories)

MR. LINDBERGH'S assumptions that the combined Anglo-American aircraft output could not surpass that of Nazi-controlled factories were strikingly belied at East Hartford (Connecticut), both by impressive figures on the present output of American aero engines and the considered statement of one of the greatest authorities in the United States aircraft industry.

A tour of the plant of the United Aircraft Corporation revealed that the present output of fighter plane engines by three firms, Pratt and Whitney, Wright Aeronautical, and Allison, a subsidiary of General Motors, amounts to 3,300,000 h.p. a month.

NAZIS PRAY

(Written on the Russian Front by Eugene Petrov—noted war writer.)

When I left Moscow for the front, the city was practically unchanged.

What the Germans did in Western Europe, where parachutists landed on airfields and even on squares, they have failed utterly to do here, where the Army and people are working hand in hand. On captured parachutists we found prayer books, containing special prayers for Hitler and Goering, and also one for escapes from tight corners.

The closer I got to the front the calmer and more cheerful the people seemed. Fifty miles from the front line, we began to encounter huge herds of cows, driven by peasants. In the evening we saw the glow of a burning town.

Near a disabled tank we see the body of a German officer. His pocket contains a letter to his fiancée, dated July 20. It reads:

"In five days we will be in Moscow. I will send you some bacon."

WIDOWED IN A WEEK

A week after her marriage to Sergeant Pilot Laurence Forty, 25, Mrs. Vera Forty, Kidderminster (Worce), has been left a widow.

Her husband, who died on active service, was buried at Kidderminster.

NO FINERY SO SUICIDED!

Conceita Giuliano, aged 15, of New York, wanted some new clothes to go to a baseball game with some friends. Her family was poor, too poor to provide her with more than a new dress. What she had wanted was a spring suit and a new hat.

She spent an hour before a mirror on the day of the baseball game. Then she took out an old revolver. Four times she pulled the trigger as she held the gun to her head and it failed to go off; it was so old and rusty.

The fifth time it worked and she fell dead.

TALK OF PEACE AGAIN!

The Swiss press comments at length on the opinion prevailing in neutral diplomatic quarters in Vichy regarding a possible peace initiative to the whole world.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Gazet e de Lausanne" reports in this connection that there is talk of "a new mediation offer aimed at bringing about a general peace." "A power bound by friendly relations and treaties with either Britain or Germany is said to have suggested that it act as an intermediary in order to establish contact aimed first of all at comparing the viewpoints of the parties at war," the correspondent added.

Preliminary Contact

"This preliminary contact is said to have been established either in London following the return there of Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, or at the German High Command," he said.

The correspondent stressed he had no detailed information regarding the general lines of such a proposal, but he believed that they included the maintenance of the present status quo, with British interests being taken into consideration.

At any rate it does not appear that the Reich, even if prepared to negotiate, would do so before the Soviet-German conflict enters a decisive phase, he said.

German View

"As present, while the German armies are engaged in important operations, German negotiators would not have all their trump cards in hand," the correspondent pointed out.

As for the man in the street in Berlin, he has been indulging in considerable talk of peace since the out-break of the German-Soviet war. His main idea is that once the Russians are defeated, the Allies would admit the possibility of a compromise peace.

"The man in the street firmly believes that, despite all difficulties, the Germans will establish themselves solidly in Moscow and Leningrad before winter, and that even if the Russians continue to resist further east, the German front beyond Moscow would be so strong as to make it impossible for the Russians to bother the Germans seriously," the correspondent concluded.

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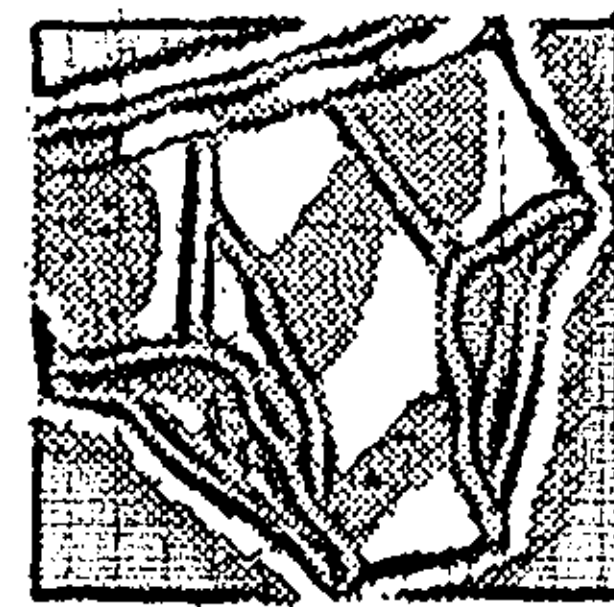
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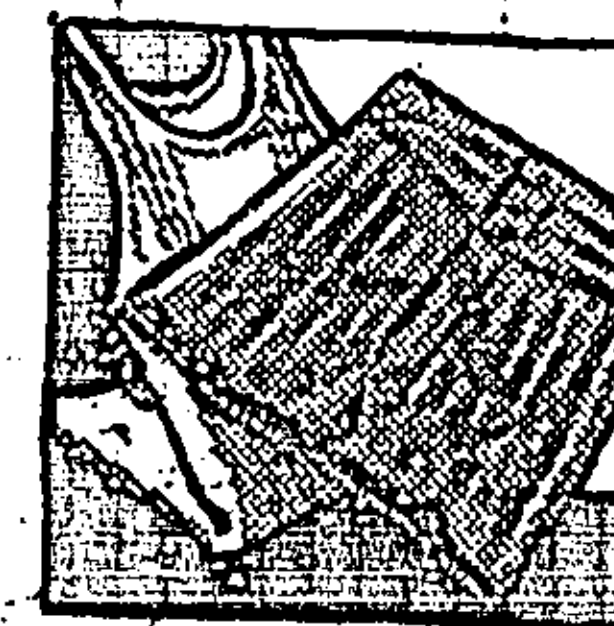
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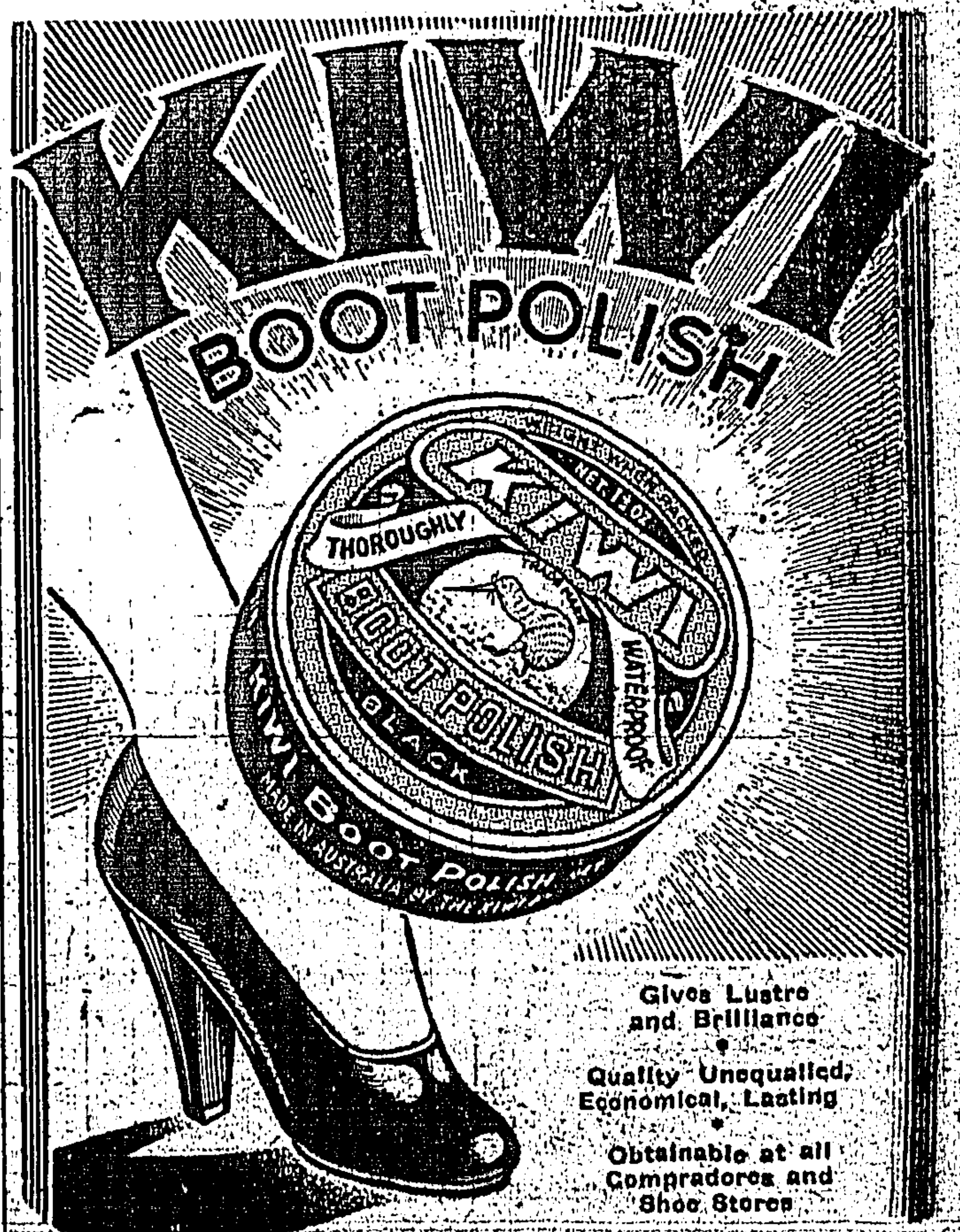
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 9 6 2
♥ K Q 2
♦ A K 6
♣ K 7 3

WEST

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ 7 2

EAST

♠ 8 4
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ 3
♣ Q J 10 9

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 7 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ A 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, dummy winning with the King. At this point, the unthinking player would automatically take the trump finesse — and his contract would go up in smoke. For West would win the King of trumps and return the Jack of diamonds, allowing East to ruff the Ace of diamonds. Later on, West would get the lead with a heart to cash a diamond trick.

But South was not an unthinking player. He realised that West might well have the King of trumps and a six-card diamond suit for his bid, and the danger was quite apparent. He therefore led a trump from the dummy, at the second trick, and went right up with the trump Ace. Then another trump lead lost to West's King; but the contract was safe, for East could not get a diamond ruff.

Note that refusing the finesse assured South that he would make his contract. If the trumps were split 3-1, either the trump King would fall on the first round or the second trump trick would be won by a player whose partner could not ruff anything for lack of a trump. And if the trumps were split 2-2, the second round of trumps would exhaust the suit and therefore prevent a ruff. South could well afford to lose one trump trick, but had to prevent the loss of a ruffing trick as well.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 4 2
♣ —

The bidding:
Schenken You Major Schenken
1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 2♥
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠
Pass (?) Pass 4♠

ANSWER: Bid four clubs. If partner has his strength in the right spots there will be a good

That Germany cannot achieve her objective in Europe through strength alone is the opinion expressed by Yoshio Moriyama, the "Asahi" star reporter now in Berlin in a despatch to his paper.

"Germany will require greater efforts," he says, "to gain the mind of the people in the occupied territories, as the outlook of the European war turns from a short time operation into a prolonged international affair."

"German military strength," he adds, "will be able to suppress any anti-German movement but what can be solved by military strength alone is limited, and Fuehrer Hitler must know it. The Fuehrer is responsible for the future of not only the German people, but also the entire European population of 550 millions. If he proceeds with strength only, the hope of peace cannot be realised."

Views Of People Changed

"The German people's views of the European war seem to have undergone a change since the outbreak of the German-Soviet conflict and particularly since the Anglo-American joint declaration," Mr. Moriyama continued. "Their belief that the European war would end soon is now altered into a realisation that the war is turning into a prolonged international affair."

The correspondent finds, however, that the German High Command may still have plans to bring the conflict to a speedy end and points to two possible developments both subordinated to the assumption "that the Red Army is beaten beyond hope of recovery." The first is an Anglo-German peace after the conclusion of the German-Soviet war, and the second is a German landing in England, making the 40 million inhabitants hostages for peace.

Invasion Improbable

The correspondent stresses, however, that the Anglo-American joint declaration has made it difficult to hope for an early peace talk and the situation on the Eastern front makes a landing in England improbable this year.

Therefore, it appears to the "Asahi" correspondent in Berlin that Germany "placed before the dilemma of a short but dangerous war or a safer but protracted conflict, has finally selected the latter."

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1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 2♥
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Many Women Ignorant

Physicians, nurses, masseuses and gymnasium instructors all tell me that too many women are still ignorant of personal hygiene detail. Many women suffer from the knowledge that they have an unpleasant body odour but still hesitate to go to a doctor, or to a good nurse, and ask for cleanliness instruction.

Such timidity is not in keeping with the enlightenment of this era. No woman or girl should be too timid to find out anything; she should know about her body. If her mother cannot instruct her, then she should by all means go to a doctor and ask him all the little questions which trouble her.

It is simple for beauty editors, and other writers interested in the general health of women, to instruct through print how to care for the body externally. But it is impossible to give medical instruction. That is a physician's duty or a parent's.

It's Up To Individual

One's body is a temple and it should be kept sweet and clean. Daily scrubbings are the primary rule, and little groomings like clean fingernails and toenails, clean scalps and ears, follow in sequence. Then comes the all important detail of using an antiperspirant or a deodorant during warm and hot weather—or if one exercises a good deal.

Any girl who is engaged in physical labour shouldn't be without the aid of a liquid, cream or powdered deodorant which is always applied directly after a bath or shower.

Such a preparation serves to neutralise the secretions of the body and helps to keep it free from body odours until the nightly shower or bath. A bath, taken correctly not only refreshes but it revives one, and once the habit is formed of jumping under the shower when you first get up, and at the end of the day when work is done, bathing is no longer a task.

It is also imperative that women should wear fresh hose and undies every single day for clothes absorb perspiration and quickly become rancid.

I cannot stress too strongly the importance of being intelligently instructed about internal body



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hygiene. After all there should be no mystery regarding it, and when a woman practices it habitually she can be assured that she is free of objectionable odour—which is half the battle of acquiring an alluring charm and poise. If you are very young and hesitate to visit a doctor you might seek the advice of your physical education instructor—I am sure she will explain well what you as a woman should know.

Just Like A Flower

Perhaps you were once told you're as elegant as an orchid. That means you must have something the others haven't got. Just think of the price of an orchid and you'll get the idea.

You must look expensive, even if you are out in the dress you made for a few dollars.

Some women manage this quite nicely. They do it by grooming themselves like thoroughbred horses. Everything about them is sleek, satiny, finished.

Orchid elegance is hard to come by but it's worth the effort if you are the sort of girl who can do that sort of thing.

Orchids for elegance. That's true and charming. But don't forget that orchids often have a superiority complex about themselves.

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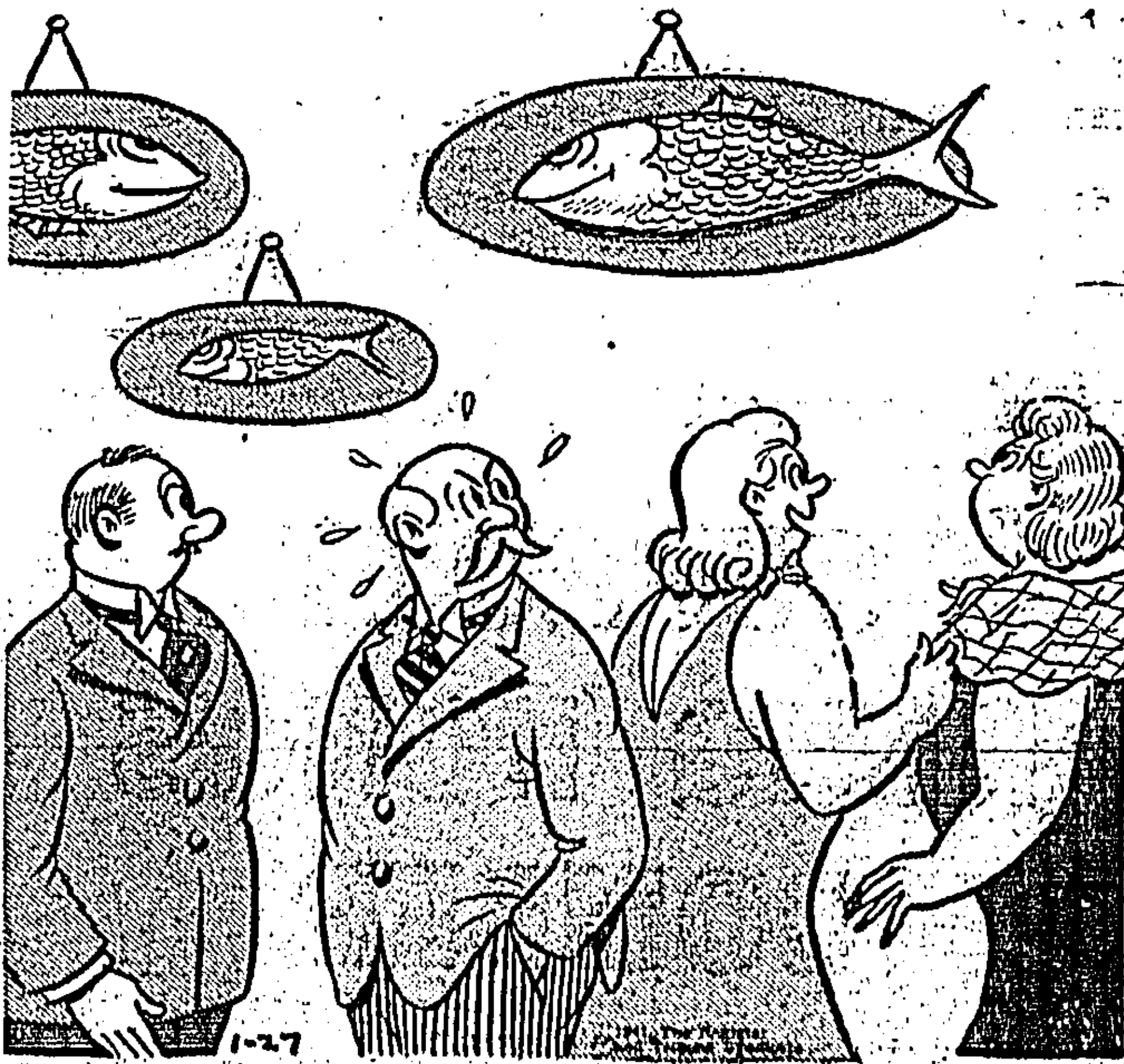
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Back Bay Shuffle; Jungle Drums... Artie Shaw and his Orchestra.
Concerto For Cootie; Me And You... Duke Ellington & his Famous Orch.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) in an Orchestral Programme.
Italian Serenade in G Major (Hugo Wolf)...Lener String Quartet.
On With The Motley (from "I Pagliacci")...Leoncavallo... Beniamino Gigli & Members of La Scala Orch.
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Santa Lucia, I Long For You (Mario)... Beniamino Gigli with Orch.
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Voice Of The Night (Curtis)... Beniamino Gigli with Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—A Hill Billy Programme.
The Hill Billy Band (Al & Bob Harvey)... Hill Billies with Novelty accom.
The Oregon Trail (Hill & de Rose); All Set And Saddled (Tex Morton)... Tex Morton (Yodeller) with his Guitar.
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Little Mountain Cabin (Kennedy & Carr)...The Hill Billies with Novelty accom.
It's A Lonely Trail (When You're Travelling) All Alone—De Leath, Kenny)...Bing Crosby with Orch.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Popular Music from the Films.
"Alexander's Ragtime Band"—Selection...The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
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8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post" Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—London—"Calling British Forces In The Far East".
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor), Y. K. Sze (Bass) and E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano).
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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra. In Gypsy Land (arr. Michailoff). Gipsy Princess—Waltz (Kalman). Wedding Dance Waltz (Lincke). Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, arr. Piercy).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Local Sports Results.
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RESCUE BID IN GAS PIT KILLS 4

GAS WHICH had collected in a deep, narrow hole behind a Newcastle street killed four people one after another—a girl of seven who fell into the cavity, and a Boy Scout, aged 9, and two firemen who gave their lives trying to rescue her.

The victims were: Irene Page, of Wansbeck Street; Ernest Smith, 9, of Breamis Street; John Tulip, 35, of St. Ann's-row; and George Wanless, 37, of Gibson Street.

The hole, 10ft. deep and only 2ft. wide at the surface, was in the yard of an empty house behind Irene's home. The gas was sewer gas.

When 9-year-old Scout Smith was told that she had fallen in, he said: "Put a rope round me and I'll go down."

This was done. As he was trying to help the child the boy collapsed.

Tulip, her uncle, came along. He was lowered by a rope. Before he could do anything he, too, became unconscious.

Then Wanless arrived: "I'll go down," he said. "I have a gas mask."

He got hold of Smith and with the help of Percy Wardle hauled him out. The effort was too much. Wanless collapsed.

Finally the girl and her uncle were brought to the surface by police in gas masks. All four lay unconscious.

Oxygen was used to try to revive them.

Fox-Trots—This Is New; Jenny (both from "Lady In The Dark")...Leo Reisman & his Orchestra.

Rumba—Caramba (from "Cuban Suite")...Pasadoble—Alfonso... Tejada & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—I Concentrate On You; I've Got My Eyes On You (both from film "Broadway Melody of 1940")...Les Brown & his Orch.

Tango Medley—Intro: Rosita (Du Pont); Jealousy (Gade); Julian (Donato). Waltz Medley—Intro: Always; All Alone; What'll I Do (Berlin)...Joe Loss & his Band.

Quick-Step—Rhumbogee...Lew Stone & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Special Feature Programme in honour of the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again; Fox-Trot—Follow Your Shadow...The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Tangoes—Tuguman; El Pillin...Juan D'Arienzo Y Su Orquesta Tipica.

Fox-Trots—Remember September; Devil May Care...Mantovani & his Orchestra.

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On his behalf, it was submitted that Gwyther had the common law right of all free men and women.

The case was adjourned for three weeks so that the prosecution could state under what orders works are fenced and answer the magistrates' question: Have employers the right to confine men in works during Alerts?

BERNHARD'S NARROW ESCAPE

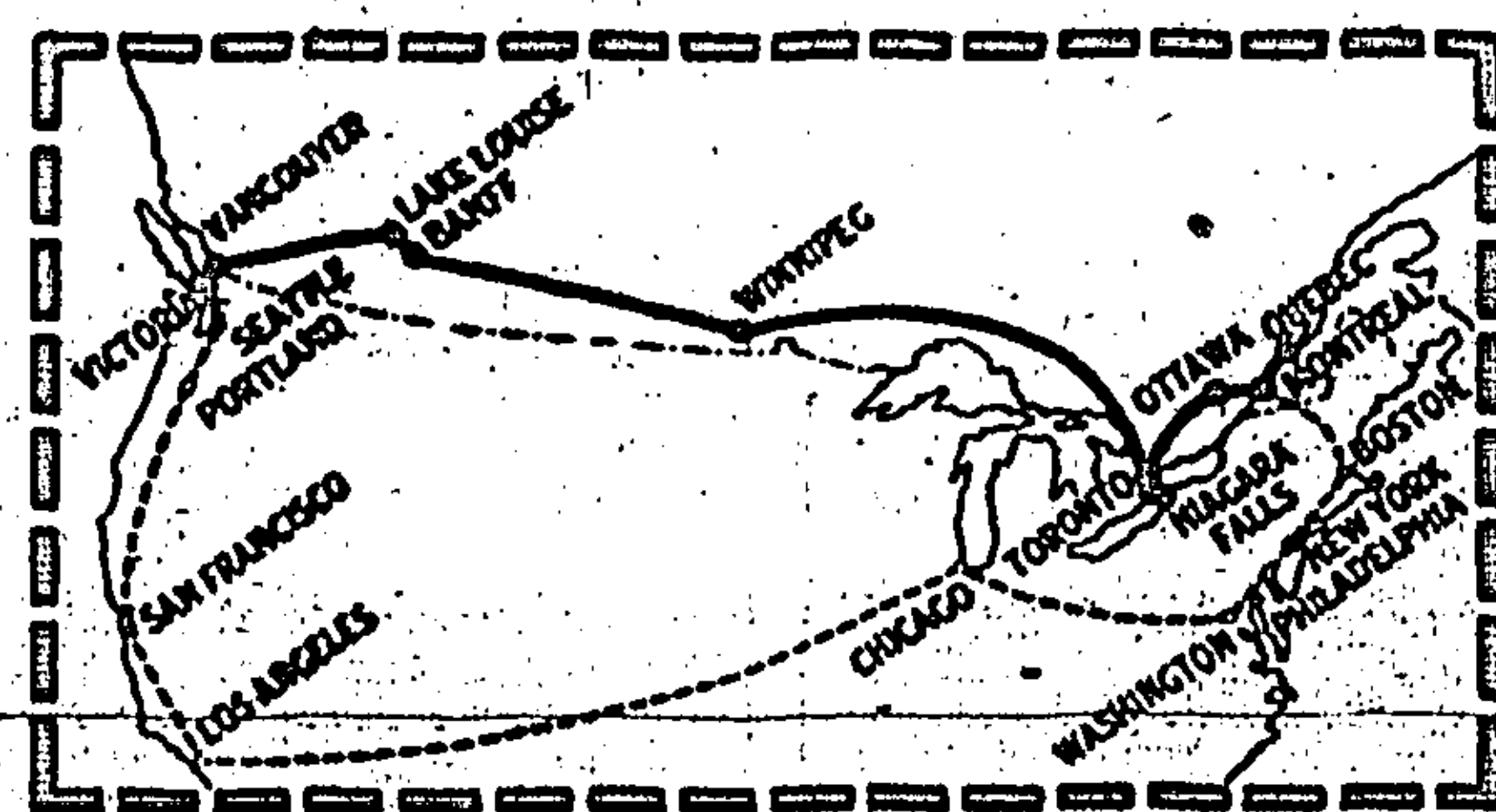
ACCORDING TO ANETA REPORTS FROM AMERICA, PRINCE BERNHARD, SHORTLY BEFORE HIS TRIP TO CANADA, WAS PILOTING AN UNARMED AIRCRAFT WHEN A SQUADRON OF GERMAN BOMBERS APPEARED ON THE SCENE, AND STARTED GIVING CHASE.

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Hong Kong, Friday, August 29, 1941.

1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There will be no Recruits' Medical Examination on Fri. 5th Sept.

2. DETAIL

Corps Orderly N.C.O. H.Q. 5.25 p.m. each day.

Mon. 1st Sept. to be detailed by O.C. Mobile Column.

Tues. 2nd Sept. to be detailed by O.C. 3rd Battery.

Wed. 3rd Sept. to be detailed by O.C. 5th A.A. Bty.

Thurs. 4th Sept. to be detailed by O.C. No. 7 Coy.

3. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Engine Attendants Course Results

Class I—L/Bdr. J. A. V. Hart-Davis, 2nd Bty.

Class II—Sgt. Johnson, G.E.L. 1st Bty.; Gnr. C. Voronoff, 1st Bty.; Gnr. K. H. Chan, 3rd Bty.; Gnr. F. M. Garcia, 3rd Bty.

ii. Compulsory Manning Exercise, 6/7th Sept.

Btys. will parade at H.Q. as under for the above exercise:—

Sat. 6th Sept.:

7 a.m.—1st Bty. for D'Aguilar; 2nd Bty. for Bluff Head.

9 a.m.—3rd Bty. for Aberdeen; 4th Bty. for Pakshawan; 5th A.A. Bty. for Saiwan.

Dress—Fighting Order (shirt sleeves). Full kit, as laid down in the circular recently issued, to be carried.

iii. Classes Of Instruction

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. G.A. Signalling Class Squad "A"

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Recruits Class under C.A.S.M. J. M. Jack. Dress—Overalls, belt, frog, rifle sling and S.D. cap.

Wed. 3rd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. C.A. Signalling Class Squad "B"

Wed. 3rd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Recruits Class under C.A.S.M. J. M. Jack. Dress as above.

iv. 2nd Battery

Thurs. 4th Sept. No parade.

v. 3rd Battery

Tues. 2nd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress—Muffi. Lecture by Major Bunje—First Aid.

Thurs. 4th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All N.C.O.'s. Dress—Muffi. Arrangements for week-end exercise.

vi. 4th Battery

Tues. 2nd Sept. 2.45 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as for 1/2 day training, shirt, shorts, boots, puttees, helmet, web belt, haversack, steel helmet to be carried. Trousers and gun platform shoes in haversack, water-bottle may be carried.

vii. 5th Battery

Wed. 3rd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Dress—Muffi. Lecture.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Muffi. Adjustment of Anti-Gas Respirators and discussion of Exercise.

Wed. 3rd Sept. 2.45 p.m. K.C.R. Fatigue Parties as detailed.

5 p.m. K.C.R. Remainder of Coy. Dress—Helmets, shirts, shorts, boots, hosetops and puttees. Battle Order will be worn. Steel helmets, respirators. Trousers and cardigans will be carried in haversacks. Manning Exercise, which will continue until p.m. on 4th Sept.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.15 p.m. H.Q. (i) Training Cadre and Recruits. Muffi. Lecture No. 10. (ii) Mainland Detach. Muffi. Prepare Stores. (iii) Remainder. Muffi. Signal training.

Wed. 3rd Sept. (i) 2 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 4 and 5 Detach. Dress—Summer Battle Order. Exercise with Mob. Coln. (ii) 2 p.m. H.Q. H.Q. Staff. Muffi. As detailed. (iii) 5 p.m. K.C.R. No. 6 Detach. Dress—Summer Battle Order.

Exercise with Fd. Coy. Engrs. (iv) 5 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Detach. Muffi. Prepare stores.

Fri. 5th Sept. 2 p.m. H.Q. No. 1 Detach. Summer Battle Order. Manning Exercise, H.Q. Staff. H.Q. duties.

Sat. 6th Sept. (i) 9 a.m. H.Q. No. 2 Detach. Dress—Summer Battle Order. Manning Exercise. (ii) 11 p.m. H.Q. No. 3 Detach. Dress—Summer Battle Order. Manning Exercise.

All issued equipment must be carried in kit bags during exercise.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.30 p.m. Hung Hom. Those detailed. Overalls. Driving instruction.

Wed. 3rd Sept. (i) 5 p.m. H.Q. All Plns. Dress—Fighting Order as detailed for mobilisation. Manning in N.T. (ii) 1 p.m. H.Q. Advance Party under C.Q.M.S. (iii) 5 p.m. Hung Hom. Sgt. Mechanic and Staff.

Fri. 5th Sept. No parade.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 1st Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Company parade. Dress as on Mon. 25.8.41. Demonstration at Stanley.

Fri. 5th Sept. 2 p.m. H.Q. H.Q. Staff and 1 M. Pl. Dress—As per circular. Special exercise. 7 p.m. H.Q. Remainder of Coy.

Mon. 8th Sept. No parade.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 2nd Sept. 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Dock. No. 6 Pln. Muffi. Weapon training.

Wed. 3rd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 7 Pln. Muffi. Lecture.

Fri. 5th Sept. No parade.

Sat. 6th to Sun. 7th Sept. 9 a.m. H.Q. Coy. parade. Dress—Battle Order, steel helmets. Full kit including washing kit etc. will be brought. Manning Exercise.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 1st Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Dress as usual. As per Coy. training programme.

Thurs. 4th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Dress—Muffi. Lecture.

Sat. 6th Sept. 10.30 a.m. H.Q. Dress—Fighting Order (shirt sleeves). Steel helmet worn. Sun helmet on left shoulder. Manning exercise.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Coy. parade. Dress—Summer drill order, helmets. All kit to be brought in kit bags. Kit inspection.

Wed. 3rd Sept. No parade.

Sat. 6th Sept. 1 p.m. H.Q. Coy. parade. Dress—Summer Battle Order. Steel helmets, mess tins. Remainder of kit including that for shaving and washing to be brought in kit bags. Week-end manning at war stations.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 1st Sept. 2.15 p.m. H.Q. Whole company except those detailed for T.E.W.T. Dress as before. Gas chamber and Thompson S.M.G. instruction. Those detailed for T.E.W.T. will fall in at Kowloon Rly. Station at 2 p.m.

Tues. 2nd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Gas Chamber Test for those detailed for T.E.W.T. on Mon. 1st Sept.

Fri. 5th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Lower Parade Ground. Whole Coy. Lecture on Manning Exercise.

Sat. 6th to Sun. 7th Sept. 11 a.m. (Sat.) H.Q. Whole Coy. Manning Exercise. For details see Coy. Circular.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 2nd Sept. No parade.

Fri. 5th Sept. No parade.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 1st Sept. 5.45 p.m. H.Q. L.G.s 1s and 2s. Dress—Overalls, belts. Pistol instruction. Remainder. Overalls. Thompson S.M.G. Fri. 5th Sept. No parade.

Sat. 6th Sept. 1 p.m. H.Q. Company parade. Dress—Fighting Order (Summer) and as detailed in Unit circular. Manning exercise.

(1) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Mon. 1st Sept. and Tues. 2nd Sept. Transport and Supply duties daily as ordered. Dress as before. Duty Officers as ordered.

Tues. 2nd Sept. 5.20 p.m. St. John's Place. Whole Company. Dress—Muffi. Company talk.

Thurs. 4th Sept. to Sun. 7th Sept. Various deployments as detailed. Dress—Full summer battle order. Manning exercise.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 2nd Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Whole Unit. Dress—Muffi. Unit training.

Wed. 3rd Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Review Order. Promotion Class.

Sat. 6th Sept. 7 a.m. H.Q. Whole unit including those on local leave but excluding those on sick leave. Dress—Fighting Order, shirt sleeves, summer. Week-end manning.

(n) PAY SECTION

Tues. 2nd Sept. 5.30 p.m. Vol. H.Q. All ranks. Dress—Battle Order. Inspection and testing of respirators in Gas Chamber. Inspection of equipment.

Sat. 6th Sept. 8 a.m. Vol. H.Q. All ranks. Dress—Battle Order—Uniform and equipment and baggage as detailed. Manning.

(o) RAILWAY OPERATING DETACHMENT CADRE

Wed. 3rd Sept. 5 p.m. Kowloon Rly. Stn. As detailed. Dress—Armbands, steel helmets and respirators to be carried.

4. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

3425 L/Bdr. Y. K. Pun, 3rd Bty. to be Bdr. 29.8.41.

3661 Gnr. G. S. Edwards, 3rd Bty. to be L/Bdr. 29.8.41.

4183 Gnr. F. M. Garcia, 3rd Bty. to be L/Bdr. 29.8.41.

3430 Gnr. T. H. Loo, 3rd Bty. to be L/Bdr. 29.8.41.

4729 Pte. J. A. Fox, Mob. Coln. to be L/Cpl. 29.8.41.

4376 Pte. E. H. Williams, No. 4 Coy. to be A/Sgt. 29.8.41.

5. TRANSFER

4376 Pte. E. H. Williams, from No. 1 Coy. to No. 4 Coy. 29.8.41.

6. STRENGTH-DECREASE

3452 Gnr. P. F. Cathrew, 5th A.A. Bty. 26.8.41.

4509 Pte. H. A. Silva, A.S.C. Coy. 10.7.41.

2456 Bdr. P. F. dos S. Xavier, 3rd Bty. 20.7.41.

3246 Pte. Wong Hin Ming, No. 4 Coy. 1.8.41.

4647 Pte. H. T. Smith, Training Cadre 26.8.41.

3145 L/Bdr. A. C. Xavier, 3rd Battery 2.9.41.

2255 C.Q.M.S. A. J. C. Taylor, R.O.D.C. 24.8.41.

7. STRENGTH-INCREASE

4981 Gnr. A. Bosman, 2nd Battery 22.8.41.

4983 Pte. J. C. Manley, A.S.C. Coy. 28.8.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

1. OFFICERS' MESS MEETING

An Officers' Mess Meeting will be held at No. 1 Lecture Room on Thursday, 11th September, at 8 p.m. All Officers not on duty will attend.

2. SERGEANTS' MESS GENERAL MEETING

The Sergeants' Mess Meeting that was adjourned on Tuesday 22.7.41 will be resumed in No. 1 Lecture Room at H.Q. on Wednesday 10.9.41 at 5.30 p.m. All members not on parade will attend.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. LECTURE

Fri. 5th Sept. No lecture.

2. HOSPITAL ATTACHMENT

Miss M. M. Eardley 18-25/8/41.

3. STRENGTH-INCREASE

Miss E. Lovzevitch 13.8.41.

4. MANNING EXERCISE

Members will report as detailed on 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Sept. Transport will leave Vol. H.Q. (new) daily at 8 a.m.

All enquiries relative to the Manning Exercise should be addressed direct to the Commandant.

Dress—Outdoor uniform will be worn with hats. White shoes and stockings. Veils will be carried. Service Box respirators and steel helmets will be carried.

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FAMILIES TRAPPED IN COAST TOWN BLITZ

FOLLOWING A PERIOD without a blitz, Nazi bombers did widespread damage in a working-class area of a south-east coast town and also attacked the West Midlands region.

Casualties in the coast town are feared to be heavy, but the West Midlands attack was not concentrated on any one town, and there little damage and few casualties have been reported.

Whole families were trapped under the ruins of their small homes in the coast raid.

A workman, Mr. Jonathan Mills, tunnelled into the wreckage of one house to save the trapped occupants.

"I dug a tunnel through the wreckage," he said, "and came on the handle of a pram sticking out. I tore away the bricks and felt a kiddy's leg."

"After I had carried the baby to safety I crawled back and found a wrecked bed which had been overturned."

"I broke off the back of the bed and chopped through the springs. There was a woman in the bed and one of her legs was pinned by twisted piping."

Blown To Roof

"This I cut through with a hacksaw and dragged the woman back along the tunnel."

Mr. Mills served with the Seaforth Highlanders in France in the early stages of the war and was invalided out of the Army shortly before Dunkirk.

In a West of England town a man, who lost both his legs in the last war, was blown out of bed and found himself lying on the roof suffering only from shock.

One raider, crippled and on fire, crashed and exploded with such force that it shook a town.

Berlin claimed that raiders attacked targets in the Midlands and a number of aerodromes throughout the British Isles.

WODEHOUSE HATES BELGIANS!

Some remarkable broadcasts are coming from P. G. Wodehouse, former English humorist, now held as "

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB MAY BE FURTHER IN LEAD AFTER TO-DAY'S MATCHES

By "Skip"

IT LOOKS AN EASY TASK TO FORECAST THE WINNERS OF THIS WEEK'S LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE MATCHES, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS FIRST DIVISION, IN WHICH ONLY THE GAME BETWEEN KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB "B" AND POLICE, AT AUSTIN ROAD, GIVES ME FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The composition of the visiting team is not before me as I write but I expect it to be almost the same as last Saturday. The home-sters have made some changes, McKelvie taking over the rink skipped by Gill last week with the last-named as three to him. The home team badly needs points and will be all out to get them, and they should do so.

Their "A" team should also win at the expense of Club de Recreio "B", whose premier outfit is bound to win at Kowloon Dock.

Another near-certainty appears to be Craigengower against Civil Servants, who, I am not forgetting, have surprised their neighbours in the past. But I am also not forgetting the result of their earlier meeting this season. Have a look at the result.

Indians should find ground advantage just enough to turn the scales in their favour, but there won't be much in it.

K. Tong Test

Their loss last week may have shaken the confidence of Kowloon Tong, who are due for a visit to Craigengower this afternoon, and I fully expect the Valley team to win, thereby doing Kowloon Football Club a good turn. The latter are bound to take advantage of such an opportunity to pull further away from their nearest rivals.

When Hong Kong Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club met on June 28 the former won fairly easily, and as that match was at Cox's Road I have no hesitation in indicating a "double" for the former team.

The remaining Second Division game is at Quarry Bay, and on that account I think Talkoo should beat Hong Kong Football Club, whose position in the League is rather inflated on account of their having played a couple of extra

games. On the other hand, Talkoo are a couple of matches behind or they might well be higher than seventh in the table.

Police May Be Extended

Kowloon Bowling Green Club go over to play Hong Kong Football Club and should, on form, win, but the best game will be on the Police ground, where I have an idea Kowloon Football Club will put up a good but unavailing fight.

Hong Kong Cricket Club entertain Indians, and although I have tipped the home team to win I am not too confident about any hunch. More certain, on paper, is the result of the Club de Recreio and Hong Kong Electric match, which I give to the home team.

PRISON OFFICERS MAKE CHANGES

A number of changes have been made in Prison Officers' Club team for their Second Division bowls game against Kowloon F.C. to-day. McCutcheon retains the same rink, but Gowland, who had Shaw, Grindley and Hudson as his front men last week, will be leading Webber, Hudson and Hodge this time.

In Bagley's four Fitzgerald moves up to No. 2 to take the place of Robertson, the No. 3 position being filled by McGrath this time.

Indian Recreation Club are not making any changes in their First Division team, but in Third Division a few alterations are noticed. Rumjahn keeps his same four, but Wahab's rink will be strengthened by the return of Arculli and Madar to Nos. 1 and 3 positions respectively, these places being filled last week by G. Singh and K. M. Rumjahn. The latter will play No. 3 to Sufiad who takes over a rink from A. O. Madar, to whom he was No. 3 last week.

Civil Service Cricket Club are making changes in two of their rinks, with Rakusen's four remaining intact. Burling will skip the rink led by McGowan last week, the latter going to No. 3 vice Simmonds, who moves to No. 1 in place of Gellatly, who will switch over to No. 1 in Hillyer's rink, filling the position taken by Crawley last week.

Following are the selected teams:

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

First Division (v Craigengower C.C., home, at 4.30 p.m.):—E. W. C. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin, J. F. McGowan and W. J. Burling (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); J. Gellatly, W. H. E. Colledge, M. E. Purvis and W. R. Hillyer (skip).

PRISON O.C.

Second Division (v Kowloon F.C., away):—V. H. Freeman, G. McCutcheon, G. B. Foster and J. McCutcheon (skip); A. W. Hircok, J. F. Fitzgerald, G. V. McGrath and W. J. Bagley (skip); W. E. Webber, J. W. Hudson, S. Hodge and C. Gowland (skip). Reserve: J. W. Harrop.

INDIAN R.C.

First Division (v K.C.C., home):—D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip); A. K. Sufiad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); U. A. Rumjahn, A. K. Ismail, J. Hoosen and A. R. Dallah (skip). Third Division (H.K.C.C., away):—M. I. Razack, J. M. A. Rumjahn, M. U. Razack and S. M. Rumjahn (skip); B. el Arculli, K. Nazaria, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (skip); M. Hassan, M. A. Wahab, K. M. Rumjahn and A. C. Sufiad (skip).

British heavy-weight boxing is likely to receive a flip from Len Harvey's statement that he is prepared to defend his British and Empire title. Previously he remained adamant that he would not consider title fights until after the war, but he is apparently getting restless and has changed his mind. Tommy Farr is mentioned as a possible opponent, and Jack London appears a likely man. It is also not forgotten that Tommy Martin is deserving of a chance at the Empire crown, though he is barred from the British title—Heuter.

Thelma Boughner of Toronto retained her Canadian Women's senior diving title at the Canadian swimming and diving championships at Montreal. Miss Boughner scored 99.50 points for a clean-cut margin over her nearest rival, Marjorie Bradshaw of Montreal, who compiled 83.63 points. Evelyn Buchanan of Toronto placed third with 70.30 points.

Sing Tao May Have Talent From Straits

SKIP'S FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION			
K. Dock	(40) v	Rec. 'A'	(60)
C.S.C.C.	(40) v	C.C.C.	(103)
I.R.C.	(59) v	K.C.C.	(70)
K.B.G.C.'B'	(51) v	Police	(73)
K.B.G.C.'A'	(57) v	Rec. 'B'	(43)
SECOND DIVISION			
K.C.C.	(63) v	H.K.C.C.	(83)
C.C.C.	(66) v	K. Tong	(44)
K.F.C.	(63) v	P.O.C.	(59)
Talkoo	(65) v	H.K.F.C.	(52)
THIRD DIVISION			
H.K.F.C.	(59) v	K.B.G.C.	(74)
Police	(—) v	K.F.C.	(—)
H.K.C.C.	(41) v	I.R.C.	(68)
Rec.	(52) v	Elec.	(66)

Figures in brackets denote the result of the first round game this season.

To-Night's Aquatic Gala

Lai Tsun Swimming Union will be entertaining Hong Kong University at Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street, this evening commencing at 8.30 p.m., when the following programme will be decided:

Men's 50 Yards free-style; Ladies' 120 Yards Medley Relay (Members); Men's 440 Yards free-style; Men's 100 Yards back-stroke; Ladies' 50 Yards free-style (Members); Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke; Men's 50 Yards free-style Handicap (Members); Men's 120 Yards Medley Relay; Ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke (Members); Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke Handicap (Members);

Following are the swimmers likely to be participating: LAI TSUN:—Chan Chun-nam, Tsang Cheong-ming, Yau Sai-kwan, Lau Tai-ping, Poon Wing-kai, Lau Yiu-ting, Tsang Cheong-po and Kong Yiu-wing. UNIVERSITY:—W. S. Gagg, Hui Kwan-lun, Ng Teun-man, Charles Huang, Kenneth Lo, Wing Yathung, Yeung Yuk-wah, J. C. Fenton, Au Kwok-kee, Tang Hon-chiu and A. Ho.

Y.M.C.A. GALA

European Y.M.C.A. will conclude their Swimming Championships at a gala to be held this evening at 9 p.m.

WRESTLING TOURNEYS IN OCT.

All the Indian Regiments in the Colony have entered for the Indian Wrestling Tournament, which will probably commence in the first week of October and will then continue for about six weeks.

Enquiries from Capt. R. E. Guest, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Area Sports Board, elicited the information that the tournament will be run on the League basis and that each team will be represented by six men. Each team will wrestle against all other teams in the competition and the team scoring the most points at the end of the season will be adjudged champions.

Most of the teams have already commenced training, and indications are that the competition, the first of its kind to be held in the Colony, will prove a very successful experiment.

Jimmy Dykes, manager of Chicago White Sox, has signed a new three-year contract. It was officially announced on August 12.

Centre-Forward And Wing-Half Weaknesses

By "Referee"

LAST YEAR SING TAO HAD ONE OF THE BEST FOOTBALL TEAMS IN FIRST DIVISION BUT, AFTER A GOOD START, MET WITH A STREAK OF BAD LUCK WHICH RESULTED IN THEM FINISHING ONLY THIRD IN FIRST DIVISION AND BEING ELIMINATED IN THE EARLY ROUNDS OF THE SENIOR SHIELD COMPETITION.

Their misfortunes started when Lee Ting-sang broke his wrist in a representative game in February and soon after they were unexpectedly held to a draw by Kowloon on the Club ground.

Sing Tao will start this season with all of last year's players, all of whom are reported to be in excellent condition after their tour abroad, while it is probable that they will be further strengthened by several players from the Straits shortly after the start of the season.

There are two departments in the Sing Tao team which require improvement. They badly lack a centre-forward, this weakness being very apparent throughout last season. Kwok Ying-kee filled that position with a certain amount of success, but both his lack of height and light build do not make him the ideal leader. It is likely that this position will be filled by a Singapore player.

The other weakness is in the intermediate line.

Soong Ling-sing is the obvious choice for the pivotal position and on form can hold his own against the best in the Colony, but neither his two wing-halves, Chui Ah-fai or Leung Wing-chui, were really impressive last season. Leung is the better of the two wing-halves and played in the last Test in Australia.

With a new centre-forward, Kwok Ying-kee would probably be seen in the half-back line, which would then be considerably strengthened.

Cheung Wing-choy will again be seen in goal, with Lee Ting-sang, who returned to his best form during the Australian tour following a short lay-off due to a broken wrist, and Hau Yung-sang in front of him.

Hau Yung-sang played consistently good soccer throughout the Australian tour and is said to have improved greatly, and with an improvement in their intermediate line Sing Tao are not expected to concede many goals this season.

Sing Tao have two excellent inside forwards in Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing, captain of the team. Both are very good in making openings and possess excellent ball control. Fung, who was not in the best of health at the end of last season, has now fully recovered, while Lai Shui-wing greatly impressed on the Australian tour. T. Langridge, who was engaged as trainer for the tour, said that he was one of the



Cheong Wing-choy, one of the best goalkeepers in the Colony, will again be playing for Sing Tao this season. While on tour in Australia he played in all 19 games.

best inside-lefts ever to visit Australia.

Either Yeung Shui-yick or Tang Kwong-sum will be on the right-wing. The former has been showing good form and will probably be given preference, or he may be seen on the left-wing in place of Ip Pak-wah.

Following is Sing Tao's probable senior team:—

Cheong Wing-choy; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Ting-sang; Kwok Ying-kee or Leung Wing-chui; Soong Ling-sing and Chui Ah-fai or Luk Tat-hang; Yeung Shui-yick or Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheung A.N. Other: Lai Shui-wing, Ip Pak-wah or Yeung Shui-yick.

There is no dearth of talent among the juniors, and a number of the players have figured in First Division football before.

The Second Division team did fairly well in the League until a number of their players were promoted to the senior team.

Among the junior players registered for Sing Tao and who will be playing this season are: Chui Shui-hang, Lau Tin-sun, Tam Chun-fai, Luk Tat-hang, Shui Yau-sum, Lai Shok-chiu, Chu Kam-sing, Au Shue-ngok, Sham Chiu-kheam, Fung Kwan-shing, and Cheong Moon-wing, Yea Yiu-fai, Li Wing-on, Kwok Ping-tung, and Li Yat-ting.

CHOICE FOOD

COME ALONG TO THE PENINSULA

— FOR —

TABLE D'HOTE MEALS

Tiffin \$1.75
from 12 noon

Dinner \$2.25
from 7.30 p.m.

CAFETERIA GRILL

PENINSULA HOTEL

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KOWLOON F.C. MAKE PRESIDENT LIFE MEMBER AT ANNUAL MEETING

Major C. M. Manners, who presided at the annual general meeting of Kowloon Football Club, held last evening, was re-elected president and was also made a Life Member of the club on the proposal of Mr. W. Simpson, the motion being carried with acclamation.

Mr. B. D. Evans, who seconded the president's proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts, remarked on the increase in bar sales, and also made reference to the generosity of the anonymous member who had defrayed the cost of erection of the new stands and fence round the football ground, and said he wished to thank the various conveners, on behalf of the club, for the hard work they had put in during the year under review.

Addressing the meeting, Major Manners said:—

Gentlemen,—On Wednesday next we shall have been at war for two years. It seems a long time from September 3, 1939, to date and we are still carrying on, not as some people think with our heads in the sand, but most of us, thank God, with our heads up and ready for anything that comes along.

I won't apologise for starting off with a few words about the war—we cannot forget it for a moment—but we are gathered together this afternoon to transact the Club's business.

Last season's football started well with two quite good teams, but our casualties were heavy and progress considerably slowed up thereby. We managed, however, to maintain heavy pressure on all fronts and although we were beaten on many occasions we kept going and managed all our fixtures. I am very glad to report that our captain, Williamson, who was injured very early last season, is now fit and ready to lead our teams to victory. The prospects of getting together two first-class teams for the coming season are good and I trust, no, I am sure, they will give a good account of themselves.

Lawn Bowls continues to be a prominent feature of our social life. Both teams did their stuff last year, the second division team being runners-up. This year we hope they will be right on top. The green is in very excellent condition, thanks to the careful supervision of Vic Chittenden, and in the open competitions many good games were played here. The final of the "Open Pairs" was played on our green for the second time, and proved very interesting.

Softball Introduced

Softball has entered into the life of the Club and great enthusiasm has been shown in this very interesting game. The "Under Forty" and "Over Forty" members of the Club have played matches and thoroughly enjoyed them. Many thousands have witnessed games during the season, and the Bomber Fund has benefited considerably. I am very pleased to inform you that Softball will again be played on this ground during the forthcoming season and we hope not only to cement the many good friendships made during last season, but to make many more.

The ground and stands are in good order and condition. The Clubhouse has stood up quite well and we have to thank Vic Chittenden again for making the grounds so attractive.

During the year our Chairman, Bob Hall, left the Colony on retirement after being a member of the Club for over 30 years. You all know how sorry we were to see him go, as he was one of the staunchest supporters of the Club and was entirely responsible for the excellent lawn bowls rink we now enjoy so much. Incidentally, the liability of the Club regarding the cost of the green has been wiped off during the year.

As none of us had heard from Bob since he arrived home and we were anxious for his welfare, I sent a cable to ask how he was getting on. He replied as follows: "All well, appreciate enquiry, thumbs up." I am sure I am voicing your wishes when I say we hope Bob will live many years to enjoy his retirement.

Mr. Evans very kindly accepted the appointment as Chairman in place of Mr. Hall, and has served us well. We were all very happy to learn recently that he had been appointed Director of the Royal Observatory. We trust that as he now controls, or is supposed to have something to do with the weather, he will give us a better sample in future than he has since taking over the job, especially on Saturday afternoons.

Surplus Reported

Turning to the accounts, you will notice that there is a surplus of \$3,157.23 from Income & Expenditure after providing for Depreciation of \$2,470.80. Depreciation for last year being \$936.00. Donations received from members in the form of cancelled loans amount to \$914.00. These two items, i.e., "Surplus for the year" and "Donations" when added to the balance in hand last year give a General surplus of \$3,337.71.

This is a substantial figure, but when you consider the cash position of the Club where we have \$3,772.85 as outstanding Current Liabilities and only \$3,337.71 in Current Assets, we are still net out of the wood by some \$435.00, and must maintain present economies.

TO-NIGHT'S BASKETBALL

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night, when Youths clash with Sing Tao and Residents' Union meet Black Cats.

We have had a satisfactory year, there is no gainsaying this, bar sales are up \$3,500 and bar profit up \$1,800. Subscriptions increased by \$2,300 which is \$800 in excess of the estimate, when the new rates of subscription were introduced at the last annual general meeting.

Stand receipts are up by \$2,188. Expenses including depreciation are increased by \$1,788. The Building Reserve Fund, which was started last year, now amounts to \$1,711.25 but we are still not in a position to invest this sum outside the Club. This will have to be done eventually or the original intention of creating the fund, which was to provide a source of cash outside the Club accounts from which to build a new clubhouse when this is necessary, will be nullified.

The members of this Club are not what one would consider wealthy, but they have managed to help along with contributions to the Bomber Fund. One of the best efforts was by Bill Simpson when he organised a supper concert and painlessly extracted \$1,500 from us.

Secunder's Speech

Major Manners then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, and in seconding the motion Mr. B. D. Evans said:—

In rising to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I wish to make a few remarks, but, I promise you, they will be as brief as possible. First I must thank our President for the kindly words he said about me and you, Gentlemen, for the nice way in which you approved them.

Our President, in his clear, logical, I might almost say, masterly summing up of the Club's activities during the past year and our financial position at the moment has not missed many points. One matter, however, on which he did not touch is that of stands and enclosure. You will remember that our ground was enclosed with a very nondescript fence and the stands were of the makeshift variety. The material belonged to a contractor and the Club merely paid rent for it. The material was so poor that both the fencing and the stands were condemned by the P.W.D. and had to be taken down. The Club was faced with a huge bill for replacements at a time when we were financially in a very poor way and before our finances showed any signs of the improvement that, happily, has been made during the year.

Anonymous Helper

A kind friend stepped into the breach, and at very little cost to the Club, the present splendid stands were erected, and the ground adequately enclosed. The friend who made this possible hates to be thanked. I am fairly sure his name is known to every Club member, and I am quite certain that every member has a deep, if unspoken, sense of gratitude for the member who gave such magnificent help in a time of stress. We can now say with pride that our football ground is as well equipped as any in the Colony.

Another matter on which I might amplify what has been said by our President is that of Bar sales and profits. Bar sales are up \$3,500 and the profits by \$1,800. This is, undoubtedly, partly due to the evacuation of women and children from the Colony. Most of our members are affected and, in consequence, tend to make more use of the Club than they would in normal times. But much of this pleasing result is due to the splendid work put in during the year by our Bar Convenor, Mr. Labrum. The Club, in my opinion, owes him a hearty vote of thanks.

Chits Limited

I know I have come in for some adverse criticism, because, as nearly as possible, I have insisted on the rule that the total indebtedness of any member to the Club shall not exceed \$50. I have been responsible for the placing of "reminder" notes in members' books and, in some cases, of stopping books. I regret that in a few instances this has given offence where none was intended. I repeat again that the Committee is not against any member spending as much as he wishes in the Club, but if his bill mounts up to more than \$50 by, say, the middle of the month, we ask him to pay in some money so that his total debt remains under \$50. It must be obvious to all of you that in these troublesome times the



Lee Kwok-wai should greatly strengthen the Kwong Wah Defence.

BOXING AT V.R.C.

By "Incog."

By way of a change, the bath at Victoria Recreation Club was deserted yesterday, and it was not Volunteer duties that were responsible.

There was a big attraction in the Club's gymnasium, where Pte. Moran, Army heavyweight boxing champion, Pte. Noble, holder of the Army featherweight title, "Young" Iron Bux and a few others engaged in sparring contests, and the two rounds between Noble and Bux were particularly good.

Surprise of the evening was provided by old-timer "Betty" Maher, who showed that, despite his 47 years, he is still a useful man with the gloves, and he demonstrated this in no uncertain manner by going two rounds with Bux, one with Noble and one with Moran!

Maher was amateur lightweight champion of the Colony about 25 years ago.

Then there was a wrestling contest between two members of the Indian detachment, Hong Kong Police Force, and though this lacked the "draw" of an all-in affair, it was, nevertheless, full of action and much appreciated.

The upshot of this activity—all packed in one evening—is that "Gussie" Noronha, swimming and athletics convenor of the Club, is already planning a boxing tournament, open to members of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and sponsored by V.R.C.

It was hinted during the evening that Hong Kong may, in the near future, have one of its all-too-rare boxing tournaments, in which most of the Colony's leading exponents will participate.

SOFTBALL MATCH

Harry Campos' fighting Furiosos suffered their first set-back when they were overwhelmed by the Merry Madcaps 12 to 4 in a seven-inning softball fracas yesterday evening at Caroline Hill.

Connie Mack of the Athletics has accepted an invitation to manage an all-star major league team that will play a minor league all-star club at Trenton, N.J., on Sunday, October 6. Proceeds of the game will be donated to charity. The minor league all-stars will be selected from teams in the International, Eastern, Interstate and Three Eye Leagues.

Committee of a Club such as this must take certain precautions, and a rule once made must be applied without distinctions.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I echo the remarks our President has made on the splendid work put in by our Bowls Convenor, Mr. Chittenden. He keeps our green and grounds in excellent condition, and his efforts in getting many of the open bowls competitions played on our green have done much to make the Club popular.

Election Of Officers

Following officials were elected:— President: Major C. M. Manners; Vice-President and Chairman: Mr. B. D. Evans; Captain: Mr. W. M. Williamson; Bar Convenor: Mr. G. Labrum; General Committee: Messrs. A. L. G. Eastman, V. Chittenden, W. Simpson, C. H. Fuller, R. M. Ogden and C. Woodcock; Secretary and Treasurers: Messrs. Thomson & Co.; Auditors: Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

Soccer Section Meeting

The new captain announced that a meeting of the Soccer Section will be held at 7.30 p.m. next Wednesday. All members interested are invited to attend.

GRANDPA LEUNG HAS HIGH HOPES OF CHINA BEATING U.S. TO-DAY

By "Grandstand"

AFTER WADING THROUGH THE PRELIMINARIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES WITH CONVINCING VICTORIES OVER THE PORTUGUESE AND INDIANS, LOU PAWLOSKI'S STARS AND STRIPERS ARE CARDED TO MEET GRANDPA'S LEUNG'S CHINESE CONTINGENT IN THE FINAL OF THE SERIES THIS AFTERNOON AT 2.30 P.M. TO HIGHLIGHT THE WEEK-END'S QUADRUPLE BASEBALL BILL.

Hong Kong All-Stars will figure in to-morrow's programme when they tangle with U.S. Navy in the third of their post-season charity games.

At 9.30 a.m. Grandpa Leung will stage an exhibition tussle between two picked teams from the cream of his pupils, who have been through two months of intensive coaching, whilst South China tangle with Hong Kong Baseballers in the night-cap to wind up the season's League fixtures before the date set for handing back the ground to the Military authorities.

After cleaning-up an erratic Great Britain contingent last week, "Grandpa" Leung entertains great hopes of his all-Chinese nine coming through with flying colours. Al Lau will probably start on the slab with Bill Chang receiving. Hurler Wally "Dimples" Ching will stand by to relieve Lau if necessary.

Bill Chang Catching

Bantam-backstop Bill Chang is only a pint-sized receiver, but is four gallons to the quart in fight and playing ability, and is second only to Tony Mascavage, the Mighty Lith, Mascavage handled 65 chances during the season to average .941 whilst Chang handled 78 chances averaging .9359, beating Oscar "Shorty" Arculli's .9355 by a hair-line decimal.

The remainder of the Chinese infield quartette will probably be "Morocco" Chan round the initial cushion, with Pete Choy guarding the mid-way station and Wally Ching working on the other side, whilst Nip Lum will probably hold the Hot Corner. The outfield trio will be Hank, Al, Jeff, Richard Chung, centre, and Caroliner Nel Ma, right.

"Trying Everything"

Pawloski's American nine, still basking in the glory of their earlier victories in the current series, will have most of the positions filled with merry-makers from Uncle Sam's Mighty "M", with the addition of "Doc" Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and Pete Elder.

Either Hank Ruel, who is still hopping around on one foot, or mound-wizard Pawloski will toe the rubber. Both were shelled from the box last week in their game against All-Stars, and as a last result, mentor Pawloski might even send hammering hind-sucker Tony Mascavage on the slab. "You've gotta let the people know you're trying everything," said the Polack with a handsome smile last week, when Tony Mascavage was sent in to stamp out the fire after Ruel and himself were both chased off the hill.

"Sarge" Welford, Bob Foley and "Smudge" Smith are in charge of this game.

All-Stars' Team

Line-up for the All-Stars selected to meet the U.S. Navy in the third contest of the charity series will be Mack Shaw, Rob Foley, George Souza and Tony Alves in the infield with either Wally Ching and Nip Lum, or Al Lau and Bill Chang forming the battery, Gerry Gosano, "Morocco" Chan and Pete Elder are down for gardening duties. Arbitrators for this tilt will be "Doc" Molthen, Welford and "Pinky" Higgins.

Neat "Double"

My weary orbs have seen some pretty squeeze plays, and some of them well-nigh perfect, but it's been a long time since I have seen a "double squeeze" as neat as that pulled off by Hank Al last week when All-Stars triumphed over U.S. Navy 18 to 16.

Fleet-footed Nip Lum and Bill Chang were on second and third when artful Al dumped a lulu down to first which caught moundsman Ruel, first-sacker Pawloski and key-stoner Wilson all flat-footed. By the time Pawloski had decided to field the ball, the base-runners had already crossed the pan with two important runs, which proved to be the margin of victory.

This play, which is an improvement on the ordinary squeeze, in which a runner on third usually scores before a fielder can handle a bunted ball, is usually made with a faster-than-ordinary runner on second and another on third. In this case the set-up was perfect.

Hero Or—?

Nip Lum, who is grasped fighting on the bases, started with the pitch and bled over the pan right behind

WEEK-END MATCHES

Following is the baseball programme for the week-end:—

TO-DAY
INTERNATIONAL SERIES
PLAY-OFF
2.30 p.m.—United States v China (J. Welford, Bob Foley and "Smudge" Smith).
TO-MORROW
9.30 a.m.—"Grandpa" Leung's Baseball School Exhibition Game.
11.00 a.m.—Hong Kong All-Stars v U.S. Navy Charity Series (Third game).
1.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Baseballers v South China (League game).

THREE RACES FOR NOVICE JOCKEYS

THREE RACES WERE INCLUDED IN THE "POW" PROGRAMME AT THE RACE COURSE THIS MORNING, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME DISTANCE RACES, AND NOT "TIME TRIALS," WERE HELD.

Two of the races were for Australian ponies, and one for China ponies, and they were watched by an unusually large crowd, including the chairman of Stewards, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Messrs. J. F. Macgregor, P. Tester, F. C. Hall, S. A. Sleep, Capt. T. G. H. Brayfield, Mr. A. H. Potts, who acted as starter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton.

The races were run on the cinder track, but this time the "gate" was used for the starts, results being as follows:

First Race, For Australian Ponies, 1 Mile:
1. A Good Time, 123 lb., (T. L. Tsang).
2. Annabella, 130 lb., (L. S. Mul).
3. Joan, 145 lb., (Chan Ok-wan).
5 starters. Won by 5 lengths; 5 lengths. Time: 29.1.00; 1.29.3; 1.57.4.
Also ran: Luxury, 135 lb., (R. K. C. Chui), and Tob Hot, 133 lb., (R. B. Stone).

Second Race, For Australian Ponies, 1 Mile:
1. Maple Star, 130 lb., (Lo Kwong-to).
2. Odin, 138 lb., (B. K. Ip).
3. Rivulet, 137 lb., (K. F. Chui).
5 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths. Time: 28.54.2; 1.24; 1.55.3.
Also ran: Casino, 123 lb., (C. F. Ng) and War Tax, 123 lb., (Chan Hon).

Third Race, For China Ponies, 1 Mile:
1. Odion, 145 lb., (B. K. Yip).
2. Lancashire Chap, 120 lb., (E. A. Sequera).
3. This Time, 138 lb., (Wong Yau).
6 starters. Won by many lengths; 1 length. Time: 27.2; 1.00; 1.33.3; 2.09.
Also ran: Chatterbox, 130 lb., (A. A. da Rosa), Smiling Time, 131 lb., (M. F. Marcon), and The Spirit of St. Louis, 117 lb., (Cheney).

Next "Pow"

The next "Pow"—the last of the season—will be held on Wednesday morning at 7.30 a.m.

Chang. To pull off a stunt like this, perfect teamwork and the ability to lay the ball on a dime is necessary. If the batter succeeds in outwitting the fielders he is a hero, but if he spurs up the play, he is a bum, for he has only one guess. The fans always have two!

The old Athletics developed the "double squeeze" with Jack Barry at bat. With men on second and third, both would take a tremendously large lead as the pitcher started his delivery. Barry was one of the finest bunters of all time, would drag one down either to first or third base, depending on who was the weaker fielder. The man on third would almost be at the plate by the time Barry tapped the ball, whilst the one on second would slide in right behind him.

IRAN INCIDENT FINISHED

German Residents Reach Turkish Frontier

NAZI MINISTER STAYS BEHIND

The German Minister to Iran, von Ettel, is still in Teheran, according to a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman quoted by the official German news agency last night.

The spokesman added the Minister's task is "to take care of the German colony." — Reuter.

H.K. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are gazetted:—

Mr. M. J. Abbott to be Official Receiver.

Mr. M. J. Abbott to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Mr. J. P. Murphy to act as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Mr. F. C. Barry to be Rice Controller.

Mr. W. R. Scott to act as Deputy Commissioner of Police.

Mr. B. J. Lacon to be Metals Controller.

RED ARMY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE

ALL GERMAN RESIDENTS IN IRAN HAVE NOW REACHED THE TURKISH FRONTIER AND SOME HAVE ALREADY CROSSED INTO TURKEY, ACCORDING TO A VICHY NEWS AGENCY DESPATCH FROM ANKARA. SIXTY GERMAN REFUGEES FROM IRAN ARRIVED IN ANKARA WITHOUT MONEY OR LUGGAGE, ACCORDING TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

Meanwhile, with the news that the Iran Government has ordered the cessation of all resistance, the Turks are of opinion that the incident is finished, for which they are pleased.

Moreover the British occupation of end of resistance the question can be settled at Teheran.

Soviet Advance Continues

News of the Iranian decision not to oppose further the entry of British and Soviet troops was published in Moscow in a message from London but in any case there has been no indication in messages printed in Moscow from Iran of any opposition to the Soviet advance.

The decision will naturally be welcomed in Moscow as it makes easier the carrying out of the purpose for which the Soviet troops entered Iran, namely to remove the danger to Iran and to the Soviet of German machinations.

The Russian forces methodically continued to advance throughout Thursday and late night messages stated progress was continuing.

Road To Teheran

Points which the Soviet forces have reached include Urmia, largest place between the western shore of Lake Urmia and the Turkish border, Maracheh, close to the eastern shore of the lake and some 50 miles to the south of Dakhargan, which was reached on the preceding day.

The road between these two points skirts round the base of the 12,000-foot Kuhisand Mountain.

Another important point reached by the Soviet forces is Mianeh, which represents further progress along the road leading eventually to Teheran.—Reuter.

T.U.C.'S APPROACH TO REDS

The establishment of an Anglo-Russian Trade Union Council will be recommended to the Annual Congress of the Trades Union Council which opens at Edinburgh on Monday, it was learned in London yesterday.

The decision to recommend this step was reached by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress yesterday.

The object will be to secure the closest cooperation between the Russian and British trade union movements, to raise the maximum help for Russia and to prevent German propagandists playing one movement off against the other.

The War Cabinet Minister, Mr. Attlee, will address the Conference and for the first time the B.B.C. will record and broadcast part of the proceedings.—Reuter.

IRANIAN CAMPAIGN EXAMPLE

The conclusion of the speedy Iranian campaign, it is felt in Cairo, emphasises the strength and power of the Middle East and Indian Commands which is often hardly realised.

Within the short space of six months, in addition to waging war in Greece and Crete, these Commands have cleared up Abyssinia, apart from a small pocket, Iraq, Syria and Iran.

The whole Allied strategic position has been greatly improved by these successive operations which were carried through with the minimum of casualties.

It is pointed out in Cairo that the Iranian campaign is an ex-

MAISKY HOST AT LUNCHEON

Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eden and Mr. Winant, the U.S. Ambassador, attended a luncheon given in London yesterday by Mr. Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, to the heads and diplomatic representatives of the Allied powers and those who are actively helping them in the common struggle against aggression.—Reuter.

ample not only of what happens to those who mix themselves up with the Axis but also an example of how little support the Axis gives its dupes in any crisis.

As in Iraq and Syria, the Axis made no attempt to help either its agents or hirelings but contented itself with radio fulminations.

The speed and decisiveness of the Anglo-Russian action has made a deep impression in Egypt and the adjoining countries.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Sir Victor Sassoon, in an interview in Bombay yesterday, declared America meant business when she told Japan she must not go any further.

Sir Victor said Singapore was impregnable and Hong Kong too was very strongly defended and it would not be worth while for Japan to try and attack Hong Kong as that would mean very heavy casualties for the Japanese. The utmost they might attempt would be to blockade Hong Kong.—Reuter.

Mr. A. Watson, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Football Club, informs us that the Second Division lawn bowls match between Taikoo and Hong Kong F.C., arranged for this afternoon at Taikoo, has been postponed as the result of a request from Taikoo.

Despite the fact that the Germans claim to have captured Tallinn (or Reval), capital of Estonia and Baltic port (an important naval base), the Russians make no mention of these two places in their latest communique which states that "fighting continued along the entire front."

Earlier on they had admitted the loss of the iron and steel city, Dniepro-Petrovsk. The Russians state there have been further successes in the central sector of the front.

In two days the Nazis are said to have lost over 900 troops, 40 tanks and much arms and ammunition.

Dealing with the blowing up of the Dnieper Dam, Moscow reports that already the Nazis are confronted by hundreds of miles of flood water. Furthermore, occupied territory to the lower part of the Dnieper will be completely cut off from supplies.—Reuter.

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